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BANKING ON THE BEAR

First there was bottled water. Then salsa. Now there is Griz Gear, The University of Montana's new venture into the world of fashion. Featuring T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats festooned with UM's mascot, *Ursus arctos horribilis*, the Griz Gear line was developed by UM to expand its existing market of logowear and to do something quite unique—promote the University among visitors to the state. The clothing line debuted in gift shops in Glacier and Yellowstone national parks and is now found in gift shops around the state.

With nearly nine million visitors who spend \$368 million a year in the state, UM is hoping to capitalize on the increasingly brisk sales of Grizzly logowear since the UM football team won the 1995 NCAA National Championship. Retail sales of UM logowear totaled \$3 million last year, with royalties of 6 percent coming to the University.

But that's not all. UM also wants to use Griz Gear as a recruiting tool. The specially designed Griz Gear hang tag will list the phone number of Admissions and New Student Services, so that prospective students can easily get enrollment information.

"We want to get our name in as many households around the country as possible," said University Executive Vice President Bob Frazier, who spearheaded the project.

And it won't stop there. The Griz food line, Grizzly Edibles, is being overhauled and will soon debut under the Griz Grub label, featuring Montana-made beef jerky, oatmeal, huckleberry honey, chocolate-dipped cinnamon bears, trail mix and other snacks.



UNVEILING THE WEST

Edgar Paxson's painting, "The Buffalo Hunt," was the highlight of an exhibit, "Masters of the Medium: Great Painters of the American West," recently displayed at UM's Museum of Fine Arts.

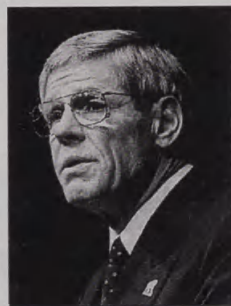
Greetings from the President

As you open this issue of the *Montanan*, you will share the curiosity I felt upon reading its evocative title: *Body and Soul*. Many of us will recall the old song from the 1930s—recorded by Coleman Hawkins, the Benny Goodman trio and Dinah Shore—that moved a generation. However, the words imply much more. This issue seeks to probe the University's commitment to educating the whole person.

From the Greeks we know that education must engage the person in body and spirit. George Bernard Shaw warned us not to try to separate body and the soul: "They want to persuade us that we can keep our souls if we let them make slaves of our bodies." The University of Montana takes a holistic approach in its curricular and noncurricular programs in order to assure the comprehensiveness and quality of its education. The term holistic, of course, refers to the effort to educate the whole person in ways truly responsive to the complex issues of our day, assuring that we never forget the human in our increasingly technological society. Along those lines, the University has supported a wide range of buildings, programs and research that address questions and concerns about the body and the spirit as well: a new campus recreation center, a neuroscience research program, a joint institute with St. Patrick Hospital that explores the nexus between medicine and the

humanities, and research that explores the mystical experience. The University also boasts a campus environment that celebrates the diversity and richness of spiritual as well as cognitive development. We hope to help people prepare for meaningful and engaged lives. That is our primary mission.

In pursuit of that mission, the University is responsible for educating the next generation of citizens, elevating the level of public discourse, extending the frontiers of knowledge, exemplifying ethical behavior and preserving the culture. This issue offers an intriguing glimpse into the University in action.



George M. Dennison

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President

A CENTURY AT THE LAKE

On Sunday, July 11, students, faculty and the public thronged the Flathead Lake Biological Station to celebrate its hundred-year existence under the towering larch trees at Yellow Bay. Guests explored the station's history at the station museum; toured the lake on the research boat, the *Jessie B*; and placed their names in a time capsule that will be buried until the station's bicentennial. Speakers included President

George Dennison; station Director Jack Stanford; Jessie M. Bierman, professor of ecology; and Professor Charles Goldman, a world-renowned limnologist from the University of California, who talked about the station's past, present and future.

Morton Elrod established the Flathead Lake Biological Station in 1899 on the bank of the Swan River where Bigfork stands today. Elrod taught science in the field each

summer, while pioneering scientific research in the area and influencing the establishment of the National Bison Range and Glacier National Park. By 1912 Elrod had moved the biological station to Yellow Bay, onto land granted to UM by the federal government. There the station's summer program continued until 1922, when the station closed for financial reasons. It wasn't until 1948, with the help of World War II surplus, that the biological station reopened. In 1977 it became a year-round research facility that has become internationally recognized for its expertise in limnological study, particularly the limnology of Flathead Lake. Station scientists use their knowledge of the Flathead system to inform the public and regulatory authorities about the ecosystem's health.

A BIG THANK-YOU

We were extremely pleased with the response to our appeal titled "A Burning Issue." Not only have we received nearly \$2,000 in voluntary subscriptions, we also have received letters from readers from California to Georgia. Thanks to each and every one of you who paid for a voluntary subscription. Your donations will help us cover rising postal and printing costs so that we can continue to keep you in touch with the events, the people and the research at The University of Montana.



◀ Jack Stanford, left, and former station Director Dick Solberg.



Celebration festivities included bluegrass music and rides on the *Jessie B*. research vessel.

EXCUSE US - & HAVE SOME LEMONADE

Apparently we rushed to the presses a little too soon last issue. We got many nice letters about Meg McNamer's piece on Jeannette Rankin noting several errors in the piece. Our apologies. Jeannette Rankin was not elected to the Senate in 1936; she was re-elected to the House in 1940 and served until 1943. It was in the House that she cast the lone vote against World War II. Also, the Rankin ranch was not in the Bitterroot Valley; it was up Grant Creek.

However, in the spirit of making lemonade with life's lemons, we thought we'd pass on just a few of the stories about Jeannette that came our way. David Line recalls his mother, a religious pacifist, and Jeannette Rankin, a political pacifist, having a number of spirited tête-à-têtes in his family home in Missoula.

Joann McCall says Jeannette Rankin's vote against World War II was one of her strongest memories of the war. "I can still hear the voting on the radio and how furious everyone was at her," she writes. "I hope it comes full circle and the one person who votes for war...will have everyone furious at him/her."

Former Montana Constitutional Convention Delegate Bob Campbell '63, J.D. '67, said that when Rankin visited the 1972 Constitutional Convention as a guest speaker, he asked her what she would have done differently. "I wouldn't have been so lady-like," she replied. She also told Bob that, at the age of 92, she was considering running for Congress again. When Bob asked her why, she said, "It does a person good to run for Congress every thirty years or so. And besides, they might want to start another war, and I'd vote against that, too."

MOVE OVER, AMAZON.COM

The word "textbook" can strike fear into the heart of any college student. Fortunately, one aspect of textbooks just got a little less frightening: shopping for

them. Students can now buy textbooks online at the University bookstore's Web site, <http://www.umd.edu/bookstore>. The addition of textbooks is one of many improvements planned for the Web site. Other merchandise—such as general books, school supplies, logowear and computers—also will be available online. In addition, Web surfers will be able to send electronic greetings featuring Montana images or hunt for UM Bear Facts.

"It will be a fully interactive e-commerce Web site," said Bryan Thornton, bookstore manager. "We've been selling on the 'Net for a while, but we'll have a more complete line. By the end of the year, we'll have all our inventory available online."

UM DOCUMENTARIES WIN BIG

Two documentaries—one by a staff member and another by students—won top honors this summer. Along with kudos from the Communicator Awards, Telly Awards, the Parents' Choice Foundation and Videographer Awards, John Twiggs of KUFM-TV has won a Rocky Mountain Emmy Award for his work on the "How the West is Fun" series. The regional award was in the Individual Achievement category for



John Twiggs

editing a program, documentary or magazine. Twiggs was the only winner from Montana this year. Each June the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honors television excellence with the Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards. The Arizona NATAS comprises Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Montana, as well as parts of California, Wyoming and Texas.

"How the West is Fun: Artists of the

West," a program that stars seventh-graders from Missoula's Washington Middle School, premiered on Montana PBS in April. Other programs in the "How the West is Fun" series include "The Gold Rush," "Explorers of the West" and "Native American Culture."

A student documentary on Montana mining issues—which received a Non-Commercial Program of the Year Award from the Montana Broadcasters Association—has won a national Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalist. "Into the Earth: Hard Rocks, Hard Choices" earned the award in the Television In-Depth Reporting category of SPJ's annual contest, which recognizes outstanding college journalism. "Into the Earth" was created by the 1998 Student Documentary Unit in UM's Department of Radio/Television. The honor is the fourth national Mark of Excellence Award won by the department.

UM AXIS FOR REGIONAL RESEARCH

Scientists, researchers, educators and federal personnel will put their heads together in a new program designed to improve knowledge of resource management issues in the Rocky Mountains. As host of a Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, UM will be the axis for a regional effort by institutions of higher education and federal agencies to share research information and technical assistance. The Rocky Mountain CESU will cover a territory that stretches from Canada to Mexico, while three other pilot CESUs encompass the Colorado Plateau, the Southern Appalachian Mountains and the North Atlantic Coast.

The official kick-off of the CESU Network took place June 22, in Washington, D.C., with a founding ceremony hosted by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

"Basically, this means that we have established a virtual network of over 300 scientists and educators who are doing work in human, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem research," said Perry Brown, dean of UM's School of Forestry. "We'll be able to tap into the best scientists in this region to participate on projects."

UM was selected because of its extensive

and research. UM's connections with the University of Idaho, Montana State University, Salish Kootenai College, Utah State University and Washington State University also were key components of the proposal. Participating schools will be joined by federal agencies that include the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Energy, the National Park Service, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.

WORKING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Hundreds of business leaders, small business owners and politicians, including Montana's Conrad Burns and Max Baucus, packed into UM's Gallagher Building for an intensive four-day seminar titled "E-Business: Opportunities, Challenges and Winning Strategies" that was designed to provide participants with the skills to succeed in an increasingly digital economy.

Sponsored by the UM-based Montana World Trade Center and UM's School of Business Administration, the course offered practical advice from experts about the challenges and opportunities of the electronic marketplace, including information on the unique characteristics of the Web and marketing through online communities. Some of the keynote speakers included John Connors, vice president of Microsoft's World Enterprise Group; Greg Simon, CEO of Simon Strategies and Vice President Al Gore's former domestic policy chief; and Hap Klopp, president of HK Consulting and former CEO of The North Face.

The U.S. Department of Commerce recently released a report indicating that business-to-business e-commerce will reach \$7 billion by next year and that 56 percent of U.S. businesses will sell their products via the Internet. The same report indicated that by 2006 roughly half of the private work force will be employed by businesses that produce information technology or heavily use associated equipment.

"We are at a critical juncture," said Arnie Sherman, director of the Montana World Trade Center. "Montanans must embrace e-commerce now or risk being left behind in the new digital economy."

UM FOUNDATION TRUSTEE DIES

Bruce Cook, vice chairman of the UM Foundation board and one of UM's Rhodes Scholars, died on August 6, 1999. Originally from Walkerville, Montana, Cook graduated from UM in 1957. He had a distinguished thirty-five-year career with Exxon Corporation, including fifteen years when he was based in Europe, before he retired in 1997 as vice president/controller. During his eight-year tenure on the UM Foundation Board, he served as treasurer and vice chairman and was active on the finance and audit committee. **M**

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



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Turnquist

A power company executive, an epidemiologist, a hotelier, an aviator, a television producer, a pharmaceutical company executive, a pharmacy professor, a lawyer and a bank president will be honored as outstanding alumni during the 1999 Homecoming festivities.

John J. "Jack" Burke '50, J.D. '52, a native and resident of Butte, has worked for the Montana Power Company as vice president, executive vice president, and director and vice chairman of the board of directors.

Todd A. Damrow, M.S. '79 and Ph.D. '83 of Helena, works for the state of Montana as an epidemiologist on health concerns like E. coli, Lyme disease and hantavirus.

John M. Dixon '59 built a successful career in hotel management, which included

opening the prestigious J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. He now teaches at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Linda McDonald DuMoulin, M.F.A. '69, became the Army's first female test pilot in 1975; in 1982 she became the first woman to command an aviation company in any of the military services. She now teaches at Medicine Creek Tribal in Tacoma, Washington.

Don Kinney '64 is an Emmy Award winning executive producer for Denver's public TV station, KRMA, where he is known for his weekly news review program, "The State of Colorado."

Jerry Norskog '73 of Bigfork was president of an international joint venture, Xian-Janssen Pharmaceutical in China. He also is co-founder of the annual Mansfield Pacific

Retreat. He now lives in Bigfork.

Albert L. Picchioni '43, an internationally recognized authority in toxicology and pharmacology, is now professor emeritus at the University of Arizona's College of Pharmacy in Tucson.

Garvin F. Shallenberger '42 of Laguna Beach was a senior partner with Rutan & Tucker, the largest law firm in Orange County, California. He also has served on the UM Foundation Board of Trustees since 1984.

Nels E. Turnquist '47 of Whitefish and Tucson, Arizona, built a successful career as a bank administrator and president of First Bank of South Dakota, retiring in 1987. He served on the UM Foundation Board of Trustees during 1978-1990.



UM SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

by Andy Smetanka

Soccer

It's been a year of noteworthy achievements for the UM women's soccer team. For starters, the program recently graduated its third alumnus to professional play. Forward Sara Overgaag, Montana's leading scorer for two years running, signed on in May with the Boston Renegades, a semi-pro women's Division I team of the United Soccer Leagues.

"It's pretty awesome for her," says assistant coach Honey Marsh, noting that Overgaag also is considering a pro gig on a German women's team. "She had a great career here, so it's exciting to see her move on to bigger and better things."

In February, midfielder senior Margo Tufts was selected for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Scholar-Athlete All-America Award, the second Montana athlete to receive the honor.

"She's been a great leader for us," says



'98 defensive MVP Shannon Forslund returns this season to lead a solid UM squad.

Marsh. "She's a terrific athlete, and obviously she does well in the classroom, too. She's a great role model."

The women's soccer team finished the

1998 season with fifteen wins (including seven shutouts), five losses and one tie, racking up a cumulative total of fifty-one goals—more than twice the combined total goals of their unlucky opponents. This year, following an August 28 alumni game, official season play for the women's soccer team commenced with a September 2-6 tournament in which Montana hosted Northwestern and BYU. The loss of Overgaag, Tufts and four other letter winners certainly will be felt, but the fall roster boasts an impressive fourteen returning letter winners. These include 1998 MVP defender sophomore Shannon Forslund, a handful of walk-ons and three signed freshmen—midfielder Bemoni Alidjani, forward Amy Wronski and defender Maren Burbidge.

Marsh looks forward to a tough but rewarding season for the team. "We've got a great group coming back," she says, "and we've got some excellent teams on our schedule, too. We're always looking to be a power in our conference, but the teams keep getting better and better so we've got to raise our level. We're just going to take it game by game."

Rodeo

As a collegiate sport, rodeo is in a class all by itself: technically, bronc riders and steer wrestlers compete for points, but down in the dirt it's man versus nature in all its bucking, snorting, wildly pitching and horn-waving fury. There's nothing like matching wits against a thousand or so pounds of intractable ungulate to separate the men from the lads or the women from the lassies.

Men's events include the aforementioned saddle-bronc riding and steer wrestling, as well as bareback and bull riding, calf roping and team roping events. Women's events—goat tying, barrel racing and breakaway—are equally arduous. It's a daunting sport, period.



Outstanding individual performances have placed UM rodeo teams second in the Big Sky.

Rodeo is Montana writ large.

And the UM club happens to be darned good at it. UM women's rodeo boasts such alumni as former national barrel-racing champion Rachel Myllymaki and breakaway roping ace Erlonna Mikkelsen. The women's team didn't fare quite as well in 1999 as in previous years, but exciting up-and-comers like senior Amanda Fox and sophomore Jeanna Bruce, who made strong third- and fourth-place showings respectively in the Big Sky Conference's all-around standings last year, show promise for the 1999-2000 season.

The men's team is poised for triumph, too. As of May 19 sophomore Bryant Mikkelsen, Erlonna's brother, led men's calf-roping standings by a country mile. His total of 850 gave him an advantage of 525 points over the competition and an edge in the men's all-around category, with 1097.5 points to his closest contender's 775. Currently, both men's and women's teams are ranked second

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only to those of UM's Western Montana College. Expect great things in 1999.

Track and Field

One of the reasons why track and field occasionally seems doomed to the neglected periphery of sports coverage is that many of its component events, sad to say, just don't seem to have the crowd appeal or sexy marketability of the more spectator-friendly collegiate staples. It's rather a strange reversal: back in the days of the first Greek Olympics, when athletic events were largely martial exercises—training for war, basically—people went nuts for track and field events.

The UM program has struggled in the past, largely due to injuries (with so many events, there are a lot of ways to get hurt) and a vacant coaching position preceding the hire of head coach Tom Raunig, which caused a one-season lapse in recruiting.

But lately, every season has been better than the last, producing a bumper crop of awards, honors, broken records and spectacular individual performances. Early last June, NCAA All-American decathlete, senior Troy McDonough, placed fourth overall at the NCAA championships in Boise, the finishing touch on a season that also saw him go to GTE Academic All-American and set the new Montana decathlon record. And McDonough wasn't the only record-breaker in 1999: the UM distance medley relay team—junior Dave Blair, junior Tim Briggs, sophomore Kyle Weis and senior Jesse Zentz—smashed another Montana record with a time of 9:56:77.

Women's indoor and outdoor track also improved by, ahem, leaps and bounds. Sophomore Heather Anderson claimed the Big Sky championship title in the 3,000 meter, garnering a selection to the All-Conference Big Sky team. Her teammate, freshman Suzanne Krings, qualified for the NCAA championship.

The athletes Raunig signed on as freshmen are maturing into a stronger team, and even without the deluge of public doting heaped on certain other sports, UM track and field is clearly blossoming. "It was a good overall year, where the

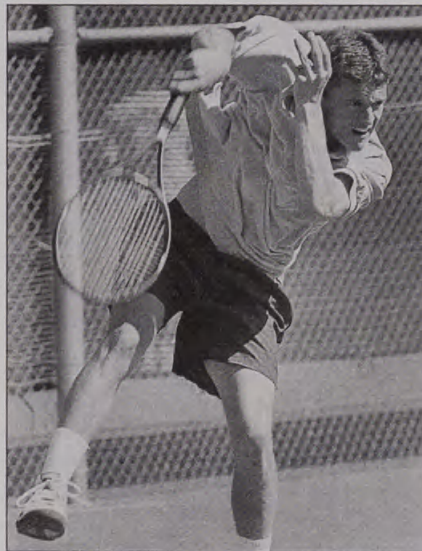
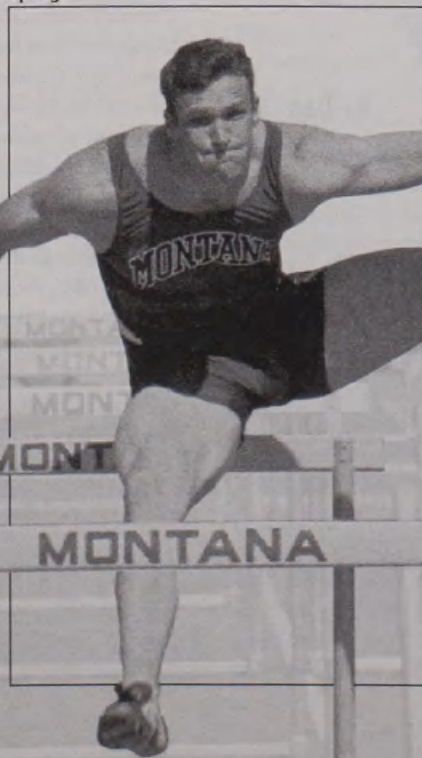
men's team finished ahead of Montana State, indoors, at the Big Sky Conference meet and we beat them again at the annual dual outdoors for the first time since 1986," says Raunig. "And on the women's side, there were marked improvements in conference meets. Overall, even though we have lost some key people, we will have a young but talented team in 1999-2000."

Tennis

The tradition of greatness in UM tennis dates back to 1946, when Georgetown graduate Jules Karlin organized the University's first official team, became its coach and led the young squad to a series of stinging victories over the school's traditional athletic rival, Montana State University. That first season—six wins and three losses, including two 7-0 trouncings of MSU—proved a portentous one for the young program. More than fifty years later, UM's 50-35 all-time record over MSU reflects nineteen straight victories from 1946 to 1964, followed by another streak of sixteen from 1965 to 1974.

Kris Nord, head coach to both the men's

Decathlete Troy McDonough brought a fourth-place finish home from the NCAA championships last spring.



After mowing through competition last fall, senior David Froschauer returns to the courts for UM.

and women's teams, has been with the UM tennis program for seventeen years and expects the 1999-2000 season to be a good one. On the women's side, he's clearly set his sights on Northern Arizona, the women's tennis powerhouse, which has won the conference championships for three years in a row.

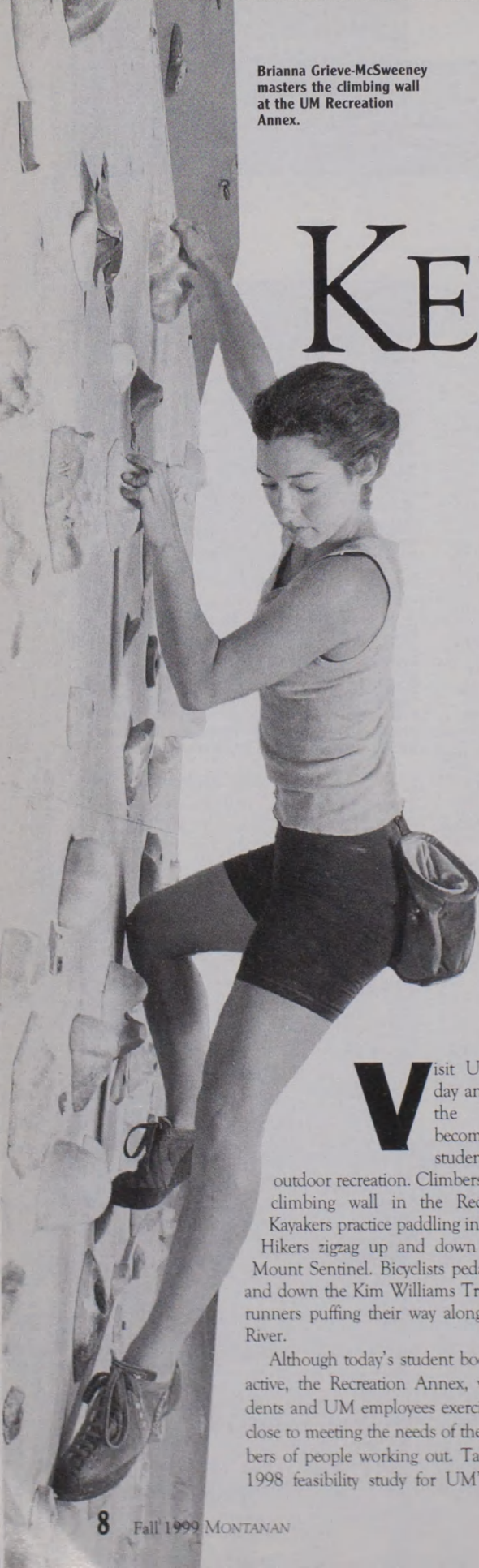
"We've got about nine players on the [women's] roster right now," Nord says, noting that some negotiations still are pending. "We've got three recruits and four coming back, for starters. And we're pretty happy with the recruits, so what we want to do is jump that up and take on Northern Arizona."

The men's team, despite graduating two players last year, also will benefit from a strong cadre of returns—five of them, in fact, including all-conference senior David

Froschauer. Froschauer demolished the competition last fall at UM and Idaho State invitational, and Nord has no doubts that this year will be a landmark one.

"We fully expect Dave to lead the way," Nord says. "And we're very deep on the men's side with ten kids who can all play." **M**

Andy Smetanka '98 is also a contributor to the Missoula Independent.



Brianna Grieve-McSweeney
masters the climbing wall
at the UM Recreation
Annex.

KEEPING THE STUDENT BODY FIT

A New Recreation Complex for Today's Students

By Dan Oko

Visit UM on a sunny day and you'll see why the campus has become a Mecca for students interested in outdoor recreation. Climbers scramble up the climbing wall in the Recreation Annex. Kayakers practice paddling in the Grizzly Pool. Hikers zigzag up and down the M trail on Mount Sentinel. Bicyclists pedal across campus and down the Kim Williams Trail, zooming past runners puffing their way along the Clark Fork River.

Although today's student body is increasingly active, the Recreation Annex, where many students and UM employees exercise, doesn't come close to meeting the needs of the increasing numbers of people working out. Take one look at a 1998 feasibility study for UM's proposed new

campus recreation center, and you'll see why students voted last spring to support building a new facility. When Brailsford and Dunlavey, the company that oversaw the study, surveyed students two years ago, it discovered not just a litany of complaints but a strong resolve to fix the problems.

Problems stemming from the building's design and a growing student population, as well as a growing percentage of non-intramural athletes looking to get into shape, led to measurable dissatisfaction with the "rec annex" (as it is commonly called). Student critics took aim at issues ranging from overcrowding to the relative unattractiveness of the twenty-five-year-old building. Overall, the students surveyed said that if a new fitness facility were constructed they would triple the amount of time they spend exercising.

A recent trip to the rec annex brought complaints about the facility into sharp relief. As students scaled a climbing wall meant to provide training and conditioning to would-be rock climbers, a trio dressed in martial arts uniforms practiced various Judo moves nearby. Through a doorway, spandex-clad women sweated mightily on Stairmasters, while a coed crew of weight lifters circulated around the various stations waiting their turn to pump iron.

However, students, faculty and staff committed to staying fit may soon get the tools they need. Last spring the student referendum on the new recreation center and its attendant fees passed with the highest voter turnout in recent memory, drawing a quarter of the student population to the polls. The project passed by a 1,308 to 1,120 vote.

If approved by the Montana Board of Regents at its September 1999 meeting, the University will soon begin building a \$10 million recreation center. This facility will include four brand-spanking new basket-



A growing number of UM students, faculty and staff are getting fit through a variety of physical activities.

ball courts, an elevated track, an improved outdoor recreation program and a club-quality climbing wall. And, once the center is built, students will start paying activities fees of about \$65 a semester (up from today's \$14).

More Room for More Students

Nobody could be more pleased with this development than Dudley Improt, who manages Campus Recreation and oversees outdoor programming for the University. Although he was careful not to personally lobby for what some might see as a vested interest, Improt could be found in his office on the eve of the student referendum this spring exhorting his students and employees to get out the vote.

Improt explains his interest in bringing recreation on campus up-to-date. "We've been way behind here," he says. "Use has grown more than the student body has grown, and for the last two years, we've far exceeded anything we've seen before. Students are definitely more interested in outdoor recreation and general fitness, and that means that we've been running out of space."

Keith Glaes, director of Campus Recreation and Improt's boss, notes that growth in fitness and outdoor recreation has been due in large part to the increasing numbers of women exercising—women who have inherited a sense of entitlement from legislation ensuring gender equity in intercollegiate sports. But he also says that despite a continued interest in traditional conditioning regimes such as weight lifting, aerobics and running, more students are turning to sports such as martial arts and rock climbing for their fitness fix.

When Glaes describes the blueprint for the new building, his enthusiasm for the project shows. "Our new fitness and health facility is going to meet the needs of the times," Glaes says. Along with racketball courts, a state-of-the-art aerobics room and a "leisure" pool for swimming, the building has been designed with plenty of windows and lots of light. Glaes expects the new recreation center to help with campus recruitment efforts by meeting the expectations of incoming students who, after all, will have to help foot the bill. Currently, he notes, nearly a quarter of the student population pays upwards of \$35 a month to belong to an off-campus health club.

Sound Body, Sound Mind

According to Dr. Nancy Fitch, director of UM's Student Health Services, these trends show promise not just for the bodies of today's student scholars, but for their minds as well. While not everybody has jumped on the fitness bandwagon, Fitch says, a solid percentage of students have been supplementing their academic diet with some form of physical activity.

According to a number of studies, Fitch says, the lifelong benefits of leading an active life range from improving academic performance in college to staving off heart disease afterwards. UM alumna Sarah Mart

will join Fitch this fall in getting out the message that exercise now means fitness for life. Mart, who just completed a master's in public health from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, traded one Rocky Mountain hotspot for another when she became the health education coordinator at UM's Student Health Services this fall. She says she is enjoying the Garden City and her role in helping students understand health issues.

That message hasn't been lost on University faculty or staff, either, according to Gordon Opel, director of the Wellness Center for University employees. By participating in various exercise regimes, he says, everybody can offset workplace injuries, fatigue and depression, which in turn saves the University as well as its employees the cost of lost work. "Regular physical activity is critical for our productivity as well as our health and safety," Opel says. "Our bodies weren't designed to sit in front of a computer all day long. We are lucky to work in an environment where there are facilities and programs that are designed to help people be physically active, whether it is climbing the M, swimming at the Grizzly Pool or taking an aerobics class."

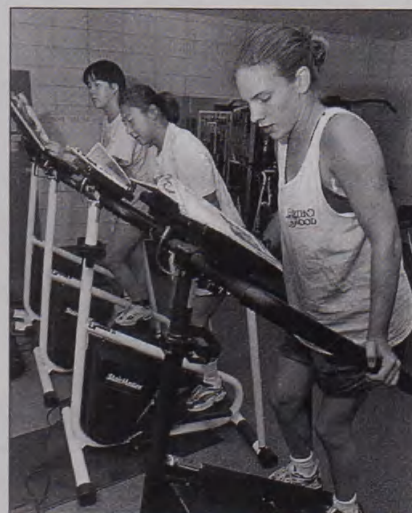
Somewhat surprisingly, given that UM students manifest such an interest in recreation, not a single University health professional was willing to say that the proverbial "freshman fifteen," the pounds that students reportedly put on when they trade home cooking for dorm food, was a thing of the past.

That may change, however, for according to the 1998 feasibility study, the new recreation center can expect to draw nearly twice as many students as the already overcrowded rec annex does.

Ultimately what men and women want in a fitness center has changed, Glaes says. "They don't want a boxing ring or an old-fashioned gym," he says. "They want a clean, well-lit, dignified environment. This will be a modern facility with the sorts of things that current and future students want in a fitness and recreation center."

"The new Recreation Annex will be a building that will be used and useful for the next twenty years." **M**

Dan Oko, a former editor of the Missoula Independent, recently relocated to Austin, Texas.



"Students will come to this facility because it will be a nice facility and it will be full of people like themselves," says Keith Glaes.

HARVEST MOON

A Chinook Ranch Helps Troubled Teens

Story and photos by Patia Stephens



Misfit gets a hug from Jessie, who helped raise the runt piglet.



Dancing Moon Ranch is set against the backdrop of the Bear's Paw Mountains.

Steam rises from the kitchen sink, condensing on a window that looks out into the blackness of an early March midnight in northcentral Montana. Four teenage girls hunch forward over a sink, their voices murmuring encouraging words to the two tiny newborn creatures submerged in the hot water.

They are lambs, found freezing to death on the mud and straw of the sheep pen, inexplicably abandoned by the mother that should have licked them clean and urged them to stand. Now the bum lambs have four mothers—human mothers who will hold their flopping heads above the hot water until their thin bodies stop shivering, a sign that they are warm enough to survive. Mothers who will rub them dry and feed them precious colostrum—the ewe's nutrient-rich first milk—from plastic Coke bottles equipped with thick black rubber nipples. Mothers who will adore and resent them with all the fierceness of teenage girls.

Five months later, that scene comes to mind as I stand under a sprawling expanse of August sky, dust clotting my nostrils, the bawling of sheep filling my ears. The bums are either long-dead or part of the massive, frantic wave of sheep that surges from corner to corner of the pen. Lambs born weighing only six to ten pounds are now in the seventy-five- to 100-pound range, ready to be shipped to the feedlot in Chinook, eleven miles to the west.

I've arrived just in time to watch the girls separate the lambs and load them into the trailer. One girl holds the gate while the other three try to steer the sheep into a narrow chute. My friend Gay, a tall blonde in her late thirties, stands at the end of the chute, working a gate that lets each animal into either the trailer or an adjoining corral. She yells out directions: "Come on, girls, work as a team."

The adolescent residents of Dancing Moon Ranch have come to the Hi-Line from across the country. Sent by desperate parents, the girls arrive with a variety of problems: drug and alcohol use, troubles in school, defiant behavior, family difficulties.

A private, therapeutic and educational school in a family setting, the ranch provides an opportunity to heal. The nucleus of the healing effort, and of the ranch itself, is L. Gay Miller. A 1982 graduate of UM's Department of Social Work, Gay is a therapist and surrogate parent to the teens who join her family, which includes her husband, Greg Anderson, and her five-year-old son, Cassidy.

On the family farm where she grew up, Gay takes in six girls—"critical mass," she says—ranging in age from twelve to eighteen, for a year or more. She practices constant, ongoing therapy with the girls while engaged in the day-to-day demands of farming and ranching.

From taking care of livestock, Gay says, the girls learn responsibility and the realities of life and death. They discover teamwork and pride of ownership while irrigating fields of alfalfa, oats and barley. Kitchen chores and restoring an old house teach self-reliance and satisfaction in a job well done. And they find simple pleasures in the rare treat of going to a restaurant or watching the northern lights.

"They don't live any differently than the kids down the road do except that we deal with their emotions every minute of every day," Gay says. "We address their issues in everyday life."

Away from modern urban distractions, the girls at Dancing Moon learn skills increasingly overlooked in this culture: introspection, communication, self-love, trust, confidence.

"Everything is sped up in the outside world," Gay says. "Here it's slowed down enough that there's time to think and feel and breathe and pay attention. It's about awareness—paying attention to what you think, what you feel, the people around you."

Drug abuse and rebelliousness are mechanisms for coping with and avoiding pain that erupt from loss, Gay says. Perhaps it is the loss of a parent or parents through adoption, divorce or death; perhaps it's a less tangible loss, like innocence or security or love. For these kids, who tend to be bright and sensitive, pain not dealt with often comes out sideways.

"Life is full of loss and pain, in equal parts to joy, I think," Gay says, "but loss not acknowledged and healed paints over the joy. These kids come not being able to experience much joy. What we're teaching is how to deal with those losses and move on. Learning how to cope, how to feel [the loss] and let it go, is important to survival."

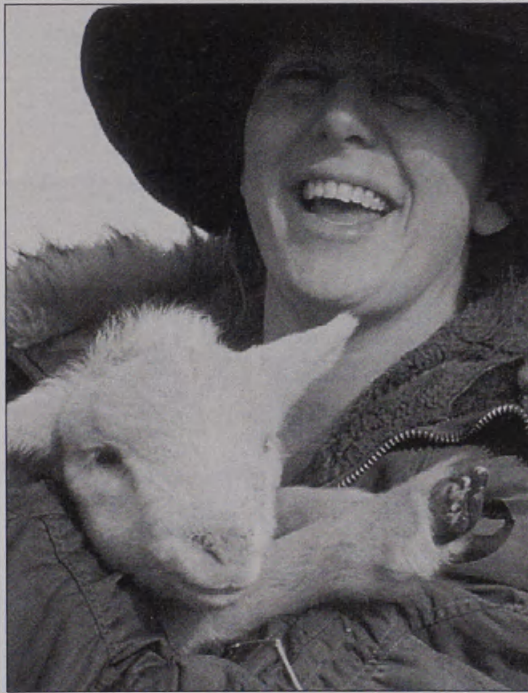
The girls thrive under Gay's eclectic brand of therapy, which includes a lot of hugs.

They talk about inner changes, they learn appreciation and they begin to define themselves on their own terms: "I used to just hate my body," Susan says. "All my friends were, like, heroin addicts, so they were all skinny. I thought that was how I was supposed to look, but I could never get my body to be that way." After eleven months at Dancing Moon Ranch, Susan speaks of her body with acceptance. "Living with all these girls makes me realize that everybody has a different-shaped body," she says. She's proud of her newfound physical strength, too. "Now I can unload the grain trailer in half an hour," she boasts.

These revelations—the terror, the thrill, the relief—are intimately familiar to me, because I am one of Gay's girls. When we met in 1983 at another therapeutic school, this one in northwestern Montana's Cabinet Mountains, I was fifteen and she was twenty-three. As a staff therapist, Gay saw me through my own losses and pain and saw through me to the vulnerable, needy girl hiding behind a wall of indifference and purple hair.

My hair has returned to a natural color, and I've grown from an angry, aimless teen into a woman who finds expression in the written word and in pictures, a student who by a curious twist of fate works in a campus building that years ago served as Gay's dorm.

I can only begin to list the things Gay has taught me over the past



For L. Gay Miller, M.S.W., lambing season symbolizes the hope and renewal of spring, her favorite season.

sixteen years: that I am lovable, trustworthy and capable; that strength and femininity aren't mutually exclusive; that taking up space is not a crime; that life is both a choice and a process.

Since the day I turned sixteen, when Gay brought me and a truckload of teenage girls over the snowy Continental Divide to Chinook for Thanksgiving, the ranch has been a second home. When I go there, I find reprieve from worries about how I look and the things on my to-do list. I have a chance to just...breathe. Listen. Pay attention.

Gay started Dancing Moon Ranch in 1997 at the family farm, after years of providing contract social work services. Social work's tenets—respect for human dignity, social justice and the importance of human relationships—motivate her.

Combining her loves of social work, farming and ranching, young people and her family is Gay's gift to

herself and the future—a future where families are strong and loving, and where girls grow into emotionally, physically and spiritually healthy women.

"Everything I do is about possibility," she says. "Ranching and kids and social work are all about possibilities. The premise of everything is based on the possibility of the harvest—and the absolute delight of the process."

Though the girls groan when Gay calls for an impromptu session around the kitchen table, it's clear they relish the chance to learn and be heard.

"Finish this sentence," Gay tells Jessie. "I like being a victim because..." Don't think about it, just do it. Six times." She snaps her fingers. "Come on, just spit it out."

"I like being a victim because...victims get attention," Jessie says, her face taut. "I like being a victim because...then I don't have to do anything."

"What did you just learn?" Gay asks.

Jessie thinks for a second, then laughs. "That being a victim is pretty self-centered."

I imagine that, after nearly two decades of being a catalyst for growth and healing, Gay could probably muster a small army of people who are better for knowing her. Not that she's a candidate for sainthood. She's chronically messy, perpetually tardy and prone to crankiness if the coffee isn't strong enough. Nor is Dancing Moon Ranch some kind of pastoral fantasy. It is also mud and manure, hard work and the horrors of pig castration.

But when I leave, Chinook's grain elevators ebbing away in the rearview mirror, my spirit is rejuvenated. Hurting along the highway toward Missoula, accompanied only by the sounds of the wind and the engine, I think of Gay's wisdom and the girls, reminders of how far I've come and how far I still have to go. I drive on into my future, discoveries unfolding like miles. **M**

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CORRIDORS OF THE MIND

UM Research Seeks to Understand How the Brain Talks to Itself

by Caroline Lupfer Kurtz

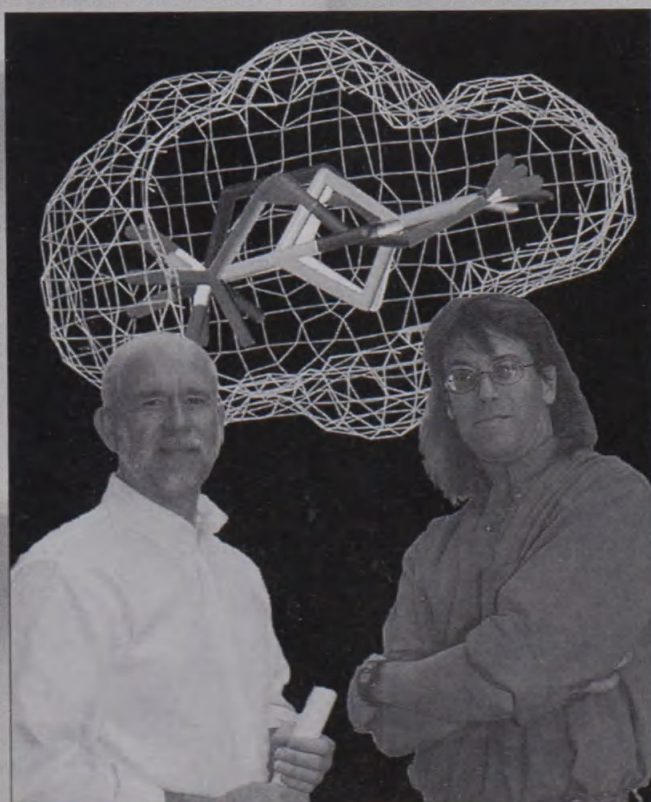
Imagine not being able to speak. Or to think "sweetheart" but say "mud puddle" instead. Imagine not being able to move your arms or legs. Or not recognizing your son across the dinner table. Imagine being swept away in an electrochemical brainstorm, disconnected from the outside world for an unknown length of time.

The central nervous system—our brain and spinal cord—is so complex and well-balanced that it only takes a small error to produce the profound effects of stroke, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy or the irreversible degeneration of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Understanding how the nervous system works and what happens when it goes wrong, whether from disease, injury or an unfortunate roll of the genetic dice, will be one of the central problems for science in the next century, according to Associate Professor Richard Bridges of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in UM's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

Our Nervous Systems, Ourselves

"We are all interested in how the brain works," Bridges says "because it speaks to the essence of who we are." While other medical conditions can affect us deeply—and can even be life threatening—they do not alter our central selves. Neurological disorders, however, fundamentally change our personalities and the way we perceive and interact with the world.

As Bridges puts it: "Everything that makes us human is related to the nervous system."



Associate Professor Rick Bridges, left, and Professor Charles Thompson study key signalling molecules in the brain such as glutamate, modeled above.

At UM a growing number of researchers are at work on diverse aspects of the central nervous system—from the neurochemistry of reproductive hormones to the efficacy of certain plant extracts as remedies for headaches and migraines. Their studies primarily focus on how brain cells talk to each other via chemicals called neurotransmitters and how this specialized signaling process can be disrupted by disease or injury. It turns out, Bridges says, that the same mechanisms by which neurons communicate also are the mechanisms affected by drugs and environmental toxins.

By taking a pharmacological approach to understanding the nervous system, UM researchers are learning more about how the system works at its most basic level and what the consequences are when something goes wrong. At times, Bridges says, abnormal functioning can lend insight into normal function. "Often a drug will have a positive effect on a disease, but we don't know how it works," he says. "If you can figure that out, you will have a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms of brain cell communication."

Like the central nervous system itself, neuroscience research at UM branches out in many directions, connecting the pharmaceutical sciences with psychology, physical therapy and the many subdisciplines of chemistry and biology, even geology and ecology. And, like individual nerve cells, faculty members provide constant feedback to each other, influencing the overall direction of research.

"I feel very lucky to be working here at this particular time," chemistry Professor Charles Thompson says. "Thanks to computers we have the capacity to visualize the brain down to its atoms and molecules so we can share our understanding across disciplines. Everyone has something to bring to the table."

As an organic chemist, Thompson tries to build his understanding of brain function atom by atom, hoping to discover ways to correct problems in brain chemistry. In his view custom-designed drugs will be the surgical tools of the future. "If you think about the field of mental health even twenty years ago," he says, "the drugs available now—like Prozac and lithium—help people function much better than surgery or electroshock therapy ever could."

Glutamate: The Good, the Bad and the Destructive

One brain chemical in which Thompson, Bridges and several other UM scientists are particularly interested is the neurotransmitter glutamate—the same compound found in the common food additive monosodium glutamate and an amino acid essential to the proper working in every cell of the body. In a properly functioning nervous system, neurotransmitter signals that stimulate neighboring neurons to repeat a message are balanced by signals that inhibit neuron activity. Glutamate is the most common excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain and is essential to our being able to learn and remember. It also plays a fundamental role in how our central nervous system adapts to the changes brought about by growth and development, learning, injury and aging.



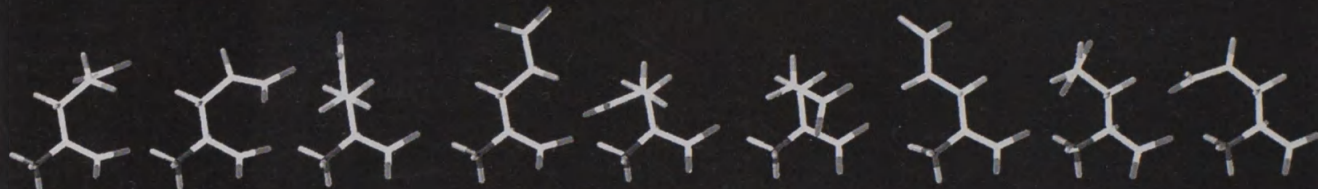
Susan Queen, assistant professor of physical therapy, in her lab.

Although enough glutamate is essential for proper brain function, too much causes neurons to keep signaling and can literally stimulate cells to death. Strokes, head injuries or the progressive changes brought about by certain diseases cause cells in the central nervous system to leak glutamate into the tiny spaces between them. In healthy cells, special protein molecules—like mop-up crews—actively transport excess glutamate out of intercellular spaces, moving it back into cells where it can be safely warehoused. When cells are damaged, these transporter molecules don't work well. Or they work in reverse, pumping glutamate out of cells and allowing it to build up to toxic levels in the intercellular spaces, which increases the damage and decreases chances for recovery.

"If the body is creating a surplus of glutamate, it would be helpful to find a molecule that slows down or blocks this surplus," says Thompson. "Or if we can't stop glutamate from leaking out of cells, can we somehow find something that acts as a molecular plug?"

Exploring the Mysteries of Transporter Molecules

In order to understand how transporter molecules work, Bridges and Thompson make inhibitors. Inhibitors are molecules that either look similar to glutamate and fool the transporter into moving them, or molecules that act as chemical plugs, binding with the transporter proteins and taking them out of service.



Models represent the nine stable configurations of glutamate in solution and the starting point for researchers seeking to understand how the molecule binds with others in the brain.

"By finding different chemicals that interfere with the transport process," undergraduate research assistant Ben Mickelson explains, "we can learn how the transporter proteins work." This knowledge will help researchers understand the role of these transporter proteins in certain diseases or conditions.

According to Bridges, there are four or five different types of transporter molecules present in brain cells. The transport inhibitors developed at UM are being used by researchers at other institutions working on particular central nervous system diseases or injuries. The next step for researchers will be to develop drugs that can selectively regulate the different transporter molecules to determine whether one type is more involved in brain cancer, for example, or a stroke.

Reducing Stroke Damage

"When a stroke occurs, the initial insult is localized," says Pamela Meck of St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. "But because more of the neurotransmitter is being released from cells deprived of oxygen, you get additional brain injury that spreads out from the original site. A stroke that is as big in volume as a tablespoon could become more than three ounces big three days later. Nothing can make the initial damage go away, but if you can reduce the total volume of damaged tissue, you can reduce the extent of damage to the brain and improve people's recovery time."

Meck is the clinical research coordinator for the Montana Neuroscience Institute, a collaboration between UM and St. Patrick Hospital. She has been overseeing the hospital's participation in a national trial of a drug designed to limit the spread of secondary damage following a stroke. In preclinical tests, she says, the drug—which does not work directly on glutamate, but on a related neurotransmitter—was shown to reduce stroke-damaged tissue by 80 percent if given within one hour of the first stroke symptoms, by 50 percent if given within six hours.

The problem, Meck says, is that many people who have strokes either do not realize what their sudden weakness, blurred vision, speech difficulty, dizziness or inexplicable headache might mean, and they wait a day or two before coming to the emergency

room. "There is still the misperception that if you have a stroke you will either die or that's as bad as it will get," she says. "That is not true. It would be great if we could stop the secondary damage in the early stages so the effects are not so catastrophic."

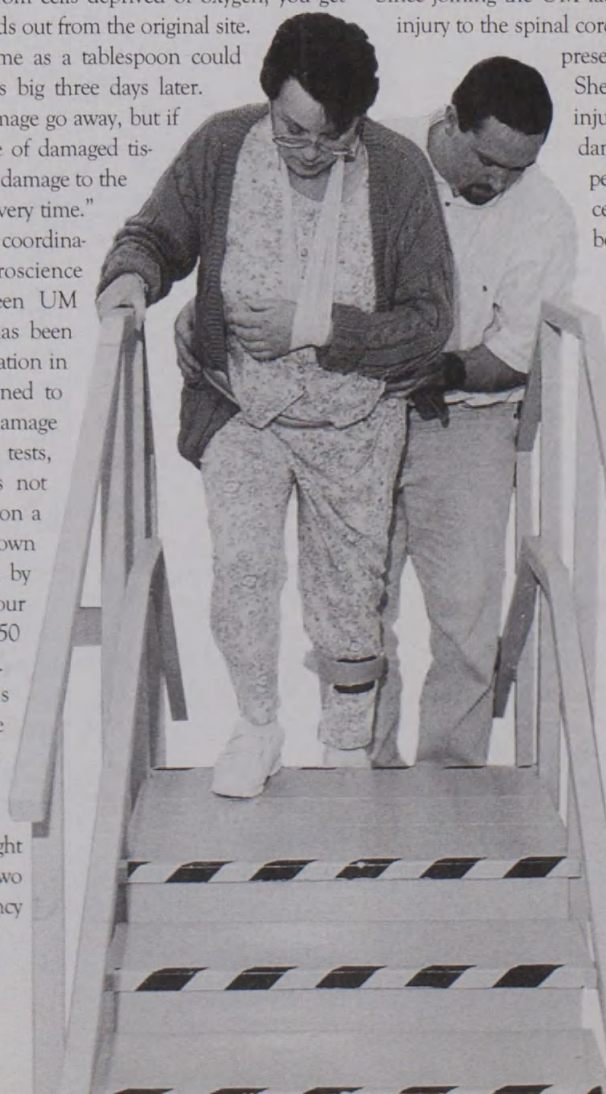
The same thing that happens in stroke also happens in spinal cord injuries, according to Susan Queen, an assistant professor of physical therapy. Initial damage from a fall or other injury is only the beginning. As a result of the injury, excess glutamate released from nerve cells in the spinal cord kills more cells. In addition, other biochemical changes occur that lead to the presence of oxygen atoms—free radicals—which continue to damage cell proteins, such as the glutamate transporters, cell membranes and DNA.

Queen has spent nearly twelve years researching the glutamate system in a variety of neurological conditions, including traumatic brain injury, fetal alcohol syndrome and cyclosporine neurotoxicity or damage to the nervous system by a certain kind of immune system suppressant. Since joining the UM faculty in 1996, Queen has been studying how injury to the spinal cord affects the number of glutamate transporters present that can help get rid of excess glutamate. She thinks that if transporters are affected by an injury and a way could be found to minimize damage to the transporters, then damage to the person also could be minimized. "In repairing the central nervous system," she says, "there would be a smaller tissue gap to be bridged."

Bridges, Thompson, Queen and dozens of other UM faculty members and students make up the growing number of researchers working to unravel the mysteries of brain and central nervous system communication. Their daily routines in the lab and in the classroom—their collaboration and unity of purpose—demonstrate the general direction of science today, and they will help us understand who we really are.

"We not only have found a terrific environment in which to build a competitive neuroscience program," Bridges says, "but I think we all get a kick out of surprising people with the reality that faculty and students at UM are actively contributing to such cutting-edge fields as brain function and neurodegenerative disorders." **M**

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Physical therapist Chad Kay, M.S. '98, helps Erna Rae, a patient in stroke rehab.

THE HUMAN SIDE OF MEDICINE

The Institute of Medicine and Humanities

by Cary Shimek

Dr. John Stone went through a life change when he turned forty. A successful cardiologist at Missoula's St. Patrick Hospital, he became increasingly fixated on the ethical questions that arise in hospitals. Are doctors pressured to provide procedures that may be unnecessary? Are health care workers practicing medicine for the right reasons?

Stone also felt adrift in an increasingly technical field that seemed to be losing touch with the human face of health care. This restlessness led him to take a yearlong series on the history of philosophy from UM Professor Dick Walton. The two enjoyed the knotty philosophical discussions that arose in class, so in 1987 they started an informal reading group of hospital health care practitioners and UM faculty.

"It was rewarding for me because I could learn about concrete examples of the philosophical issues that arise in medicine," Walton says. "We had one doctor, for example, who had to work with a Jehovah's Witness girl whose parents—because of religious convictions—wouldn't let her have a blood transfusion."

The group became so successful that participants formed the Institute of Medicine and Humanities. A cooperative venture between St. Patrick Hospital and UM, IMH has flowered into an organization that supports learning and studies in the humanities—especially studies that shed light on the way society cares for the sick. In the past, IMH has sponsored five medicine and humanities programs per year, including a large, annual fall symposium and a variety of ad hoc programs. An eleven-member executive board that includes hospital President Larry White and UM President George Dennison keeps fresh energy flowing into the organization. All involved say White has been instrumental in developing IMH into the vital program it is today.

"When health care providers rely only on immersion in their science, we risk becoming detached from the human side of the enterprise," White says. "I think a deeper understanding of the lessons of the humanities results in improved health care, a renewed professional commitment and enhanced personal fulfillment."

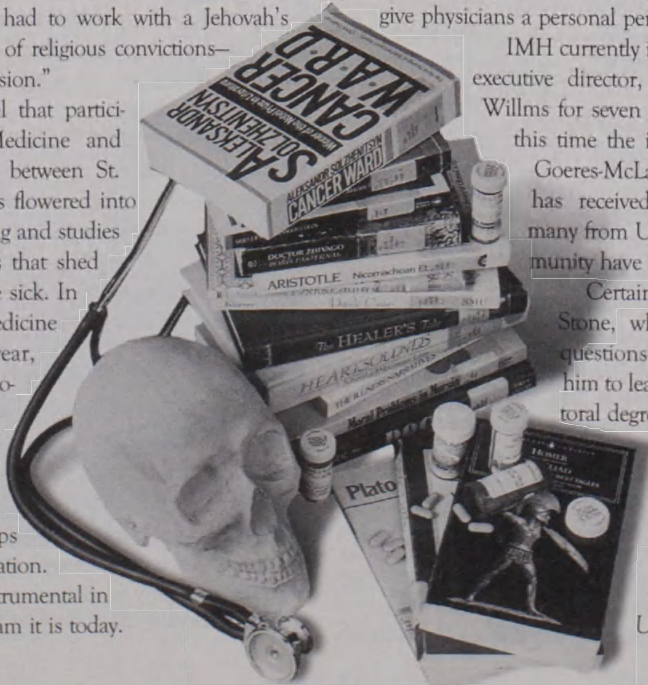
During the 1997 fall conference titled "Genethics: Critical Issues in Gene Technology," participants discussed the ethics of experimenting with the basic code of life. A 1997 series presented images of war in literature and art with the purpose of promoting understanding and healing. A conference in 1996 found physicians exploring the role spirituality plays in their work and community members describing how they cope with their disabilities.

IMH also oversees a collection of journals and 1,200 books in medicine and the humanities that are available to the public. IMH coordinator Dixie Goeres-McLaughlin said one highlight of the library is a collection of pathographies, autobiographies of personal illnesses, which give physicians a personal perspective of what patients go through.

IMH currently is conducting a national search for an executive director, a position that was filled by Jan Willms for seven years. Willms retired last August. At this time the institute's only paid staff member is Goeres-McLaughlin. Based on the feedback she has received, Goeres-McLaughlin believes that many from UM, St. Patrick Hospital and the community have been enriched by IMH.

Certainly that was the case with cardiologist Stone, whose investigations into the moral questions surrounding medicine prompted him to leave Missoula in 1992 to pursue a doctoral degree in philosophy. He now is a senior staff associate with the National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care at Tuskegee University. **M**

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DIVINE WOMEN

Medieval Women Mystics

by Kim Anderson

They described the soul as a deep abyss, a wilderness, a bottomless ocean, a desert. Unlike their male counterparts, they wrote in the vernacular rather than Latin. And they explored the connection between body and spirit more intensely than almost any of the world's poets.

These medieval women mystics emerged during the Middle Ages in Europe, says religious studies Professor Paul Dietrich, when the creation of religious orders provided the education, freedom from childbirth and material security that made it possible for a relatively large number of

women to write. This has been a particularly rich field for feminist scholars, he says, and as a result, women such as Hildegard of Bingen, Christine de Pisan and Julian of Norwich have gained popularity.

"Students really react to these writers, and part of it, I think, is the immediacy of the language," says Dietrich. "These women weren't, as a rule, taught Latin, so their writing had a close connection to the oral tradition.

There's an urgency and concreteness there that comes, in part, from writing in the primary language, but also from the absolute belief that God has commanded them to witness through their writing."



Professor Paul Dietrich

The connection between body and soul is particularly strong in many of these writers. As Dietrich points out, much of the writing deals with suffering. "Let's face it," he says, "before the twentieth century, illness and pain had to be endured rather than cured."

But beyond the experience of physical pain lies the ecstasy of what scholars call love mysticism. "These women experienced a union with God lived out on earth," Dietrich says. Take, for example, Hadewijch the Second's expression of spirituality in "Poem Twenty-Six": "Naked love who spares nothing/In her wild death./Stripped of all accident/Recovers her simple unity."



"The Magdalen Reading," by Rogier van der Weyden

"They use all the conventions of the troubadours and love poets of the time," Dietrich says. "They talk about the chase of love, the game of love, the coming of the bridegroom. And their descriptions of the union with the beloved acknowledge that the body plays a huge role in the mystical experience. Earlier scholars often understood these descriptions as a result of repressed sexuality, but when you read the work there's nothing sublimated about it."

Dietrich, who received a doctorate in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago, is working on a manuscript focusing on thirteenth- and fourteenth-century Dutch and German female mystics, including Mechthild of Magdeburg, Hadewijch of Brabant and Hadewijch the Second.

"I became interested in these late medieval women writers in part because of the intensity of their work and their sense of life as a struggle," Dietrich says. "There is a collection of writing that was long attributed to Hadewijch, but is now believed to have been written by someone else. The poems are very zen-like and spare. They deal with the soul's stripping away of all that is nonessential. They are very concerned with detachment, and these are concepts that we now associate with certain aspects of zen." In "Poem Twenty-Six," for example, Hadewijch writes: "It is in this wild and vast simplicity/That the poor in spirit live in unity/There they find nothing but the freedom of detachment/Which always opens up to Eternity."

Dietrich says he has had an interest in religious thought since he was very young. "Wallace Stegner writes about how people who are raised in places without much of a so-called 'civilized' history—like the West—are drawn to the study of earlier times," he says. "Maybe that's where my interest in early religious thought began." **M**

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YEARNING FOR SOMETHING MORE

Religious Life at UM

by Patrick Hutchins



Martin Luther's quote—"Be a sinner and sin boldly. But believe and rejoice in Christ more boldly still"—is a favorite among the college students, according to the Reverend Jean Larson Hurd, campus pastor of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Having left home for the first time, she says, many of them find it comforting to know that there's still hope as they explore a world where sin sometimes appears synonymous with success. Indeed, UM students of nearly every religious background find the faith of their families tested by new friends, new ideas and new ways of thinking about the larger questions. At a state-funded, public university, religion must necessarily defer to the main business at hand: earning a degree. Yet the increased cost and importance of that degree can make the college years a stressful time that, ironically, turns some students toward a new religion or back toward one they left behind.



Reverend Jean Larson Hurd

Exploring Options

"There is a perennial interest in religion among college students," says Paul Dietrich, director of UM's Religious Studies Program. Today he sees greater fascination with the diversity of religious practice among his students. "Religious studies," he says, "are a kind of mirror of society's interests. For example, today we're seeing a lot of interest in Native American religion and philosophy, as well as in Buddhism, which reflects interests of the larger culture."

Alan Sponberg, a religious studies professor and a practicing Buddhist, also has noticed his students yearning for something more. "Unlike earlier generations, many of today's students may not have any religious training at all, and they have a vague sense that something is missing," he observes. Yet he worries that their interest may be a little too generic. "They are wary of intolerance and protective of their individualism, which can be very positive qualities," he says. "But the net effect often is that really meaningful traditions aren't explored deeply. In this eagerness to avoid the negative, the baby gets thrown out with the bath water." Sponberg believes that students are looking for religion that validates the "feeling dimension," and when a religion becomes merely formal without emotional power, it fails to hold students' interest.

Student Jim Pelger, who is completing an undergraduate degree he started at Penn State, is a prime example of someone who seeks answers outside the religious tradition he was raised in but remains wary of organized religion. Brought up in a conservative Protestant sect called the Brethren, Pelger now finds Buddhism more interesting than Christianity, partially because of its de-emphasis on a supreme being. "I never accepted my religion growing up because of the incongruities, like how Christians dealt with materialism," he says. "I'm attracted to Buddhism because it feels more personal to me. The possibility of trans-

forming oneself is very appealing." Even so, Pelger isn't currently a member of any organized religion but rather sees himself as a seeker. He believes most of his fellow students share his interest in things spiritual. "They're here to fill requirements," he says, "but outside of class, they want to talk."

Religion on Campus

Not all students reject the religion in which they were raised, and for most of them that religion is some form of Christianity. The 1999 campus telephone directory lists eleven campus religious advisers, all of them for Christian denominations with the resources to maintain a ministry. These include the Lutheran, Episcopal and United Methodist Campus ministries, which share space in The Ark on University Avenue; the University Christian Fellowship, which is associated with the Assembly of God's Christian Life Center; the Catholic Campus Ministry, which operates Christ the King Church; and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Institute of Religion. Other churches minister unofficially to the University community by virtue of their location near campus, such as University Congregational, United Church of Christ on University Avenue.

These, along with a variety of other Christian churches, offer students a smorgasbord of philosophies and creeds. The Reverend John Engels heads the University Christian Fellowship, which he describes as a "charismatic evangelical" congregation. (It is not to be confused



Reverend John Engels

with Jean Larson Hurd's Evangelical Lutherans who, Hurd explains, use the term evangelical in the "European sense" of "gospel-based, spreading the good news about God's grace.") Engels directs an activist ministry that serves from thirty to fifty students with Wednesday evening prayer meetings and a philosophy that encourages foreign travel and

volunteer stints at the Poverello Center and an inner-city outreach program. "We try to get students to other countries before they graduate," he says, noting that a group of Montana students recently did relief work in the slums of Rio de Janeiro.

Another church with a missionary tradition is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons. The Reverend Ron Woolstenhulme directs the Institute of Religion, which aims to "give students a weekday religious educational experience." Woolstenhulme teaches academic religious classes, which can be transferred to Brigham

Young University and other LDS schools. He estimates there are about 200 Mormon students at the University, 120 of whom are active in his program. "These kids are very interested in the big questions," Woolstenhulme says. "Our role is to give them professional religious training as part of an overall balanced life."

Several blocks away, the Reverend Jim Hogan, a Catholic priest, offers a distinctly different kind of religious experience at Christ the King Church. "We welcome anyone," he says, "but we're not out to convert people anymore. We're out to do service." Hogan says he's seen the students' attitude toward religion change every year since he arrived in 1984. "Today, I see a strong interest among young people in peace and justice work." Each year he selects eight interested student interns who

organize campus events, participate in retreats and, above all, work on their own spiritual growth.

One such intern was Joe Mudd. "Maybe I'm an anomaly," he says, echoing a sentiment common among the students interviewed who were serious about religion. "Most students aren't looking for religion [at the University]; they're looking for a job." Born and raised in Missoula and a lifelong Catholic, Mudd, twenty-three, went through what he considers normal stages of growth. "Eighteen-year-old boys go crazy," he says. "That's what they do." As



Reverend Jim Hogan

he grew older, he began to appreciate what he calls Catholicism's "earthy" style, but, ironically, it was Sponberg's course on Buddhism that helped bring his faith alive. "It made me want to become a Christian in a practical way," he says. "Prayer and meditation give you time to focus and breathe. The idea of 'regimen' that goes with Buddhism is something that a lot of Christians have forgotten. Religion becomes central to life rather than just a peripheral activity." Yet Mudd does not see himself as a candidate for the priesthood. "I think I'm more of a teacher than a shepherd," he says.

The Reverend Peter Shober of the University Congregational, United Church of Christ believes that "conventional religious practice for people of college age is a bit of an oxymoron." Shober has no campus ministry, per se, but sees a lot of students anyway, thanks to his church's location just off campus. He observes that the church's role has reversed itself in recent years, becoming less the guardian of the status quo: "Churches are emerging as 'countercultural,'" he notes. "They're becoming a balance to corporate consumerism. Thirty-five years ago the

Sabbath was an assault on personal freedom. Today it's an assault on corporate society."

Native American religious practice on campus is harder to pin down. Professor Henrietta Mann, who teaches Native American religions and philosophy in the Native American Studies Program, says she surveys more than five hundred and fifty different tribal philosophies in her course. Despite the course title, Mann says, "we don't even like to use the term 'religion' because one's spiritual journey is woven into one's life. It isn't a separate activity." A member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe, Mann refers instead to the unique "spiritual or sacred traditions" of each tribe, which may include the sweat lodge and use of various herbs like sweet grass, sage, cedar needles or tobacco and the vision quest.

Other World Religions

Besides mainstream Christianity, two other major religions that spring from the same Mideastern soil, Judaism and Islam, also are present at UM. The Islamic faith has long been practiced in Missoula, according to history Associate Professor Mehrdad Kia, who teaches a popular course on Islam. Kia notes that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the United States, with more than seven thousand mosques nationwide. "We've always had Muslim students here at the University," he says, "because of the foreign students who come and because of the sheer numbers. There are more than a billion Muslims in the world

today." Although Americans tend to equate Islam with the Arab world, Kia notes that the largest number of Muslim students at UM come from Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia. Muslim activity on campus, he says, is quieter now than it was a few years ago because several of the more energetic student organizers graduated. Still, the faith is practiced regularly in private homes and designated prayer rooms around campus.

Judaism has a low profile at the University. Ed Rosenberg—chair of the chemistry department and the campus liaison to Har Shalom, the Jewish community in



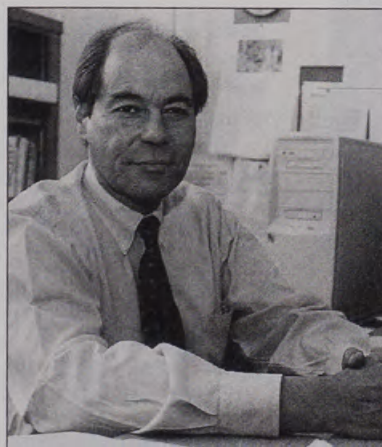
Associate Professor Mehrdad Kia

Missoula—says last year only thirteen entering students officially declared their Jewish religious affiliation on their UM applications. He believes that is because the kind of students who need to be surrounded by a strong Jewish religious identity simply don't come to Montana. Still, there is a lively Jewish community in Missoula that gathers for

Passover, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and other important holidays and welcomes interested students. Although there is no resident rabbi in town, Har Shalom brings in Rabbi Gershon Winkler from New Mexico

for these events. Winkler, a Hebrew scholar with the delivery of a standup comic, frequently gives popular public lectures at UM.

Two different branches of the Baha'i faith—which emphasizes the spiritual unity of mankind—attract followers at UM. Undergraduate Neil Chase, a practicing Bhai'i, says "This is the largest religion in the world with no rite ceremonies and no clergy."



Chemistry Department Chair Ed Rosenberg

Along with these

major world religions, an interest in more exotic religions flourishes quietly on campus. Katherine Weist, an anthropology professor who teaches a class on non-Western religious practices, says students aren't limiting themselves to traditional answers. "I sense a real searching, driven by the Western penchant for questioning," she says. "In Tanzania I was struck by the people's belief without questioning. Here, students question everything." Weist notes that a nonscriptural religion like shamanism, which is practiced by so-called primitive cultures all over the world, may offer answers that science cannot. "Science can't answer the big, existential questions in America today," she says. "Students are searching for understanding, and even traditional churches aren't making it unless they change."

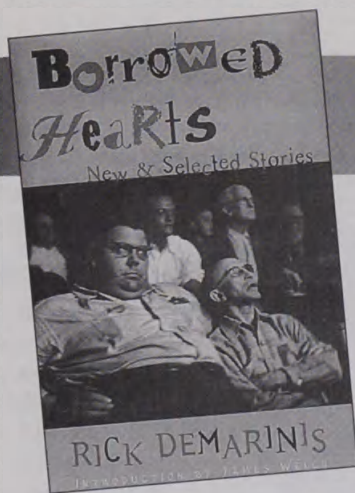
Matters of the Spirit

In the end, religious beliefs are deeply personal. For UM students, like Pelger, who are experimenting with new churches—even new religions—as they search for answers, a wide range of beliefs and philosophies are available. Yet even across the spectrum of religious communities—from Engels' mission-driven evangelism to Shober's "open and affirming" Christianity, from Islam to neopaganism—a healthy spirit of ecumenism seems to prevail.

"Religious communities, at their best, can include a wide range of people," Hurd says. "I have seen a radical feminist tree hugger and an ex-Navy Seal Republican, who don't agree on anything else, agree to give each other acceptance and respect." Weist goes even further: "They [her students] are concerned about the condition of their world, and they're really committed to helping. They are not so much public-spirited as people-spirited." **M**

Patrick Hutchins is a frequent contributor to the Montanan.

by Susanna Sonnenberg



Borrowed Hearts: New and Selected Stories

by Rick DeMarinis, '61, M.A. '67.

New York: Seven Stories Press, 1999. 282 pp. \$24 hardcover.

Spanning nearly two decades of work, *Borrowed Hearts* offers the reader the satisfaction of tracing Rick DeMarinis even as he traces us. DeMarinis writes stories that make us catch ourselves after we have set down the book. He amplifies how we hold knives, how we smell and, most deliberately, what we smell. Here is a single, simple moment captured in the bitter "A Romantic Interlude":

A faraway train, the afternoon Amtrak, gave a lengthy blast of its horn. Two longs, a short, followed by a long. Did railroad men want to visit loneliness and despair upon the land with their great melancholy horns? No no, oh no it grieved—and he felt abandoned in a dark and lonely place without hope or luck or the last-minute clarity of grace.

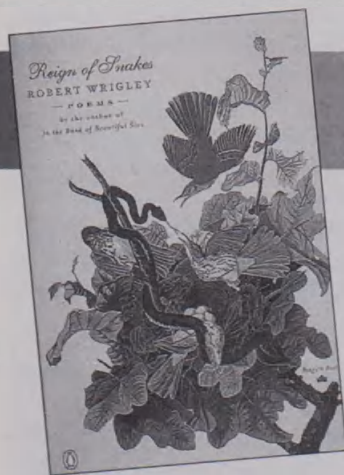


PHOTO BY CYNTHIA FARAN

The characters that inhabit his earlier stories are often self-absorbed men early in their lives. "Under the Wheat," the stunner that opens the book, reveals a man so detached from his life that he literally embraces the nuclear war-heads he guards with neither irony nor conviction.

In the more recent stories, the characters are anxious about pace makers and erections, about too much booze and too little time left. Set largely in the retirement zone of the Southwest, wistful men in late middle age watch men a little older and think to themselves, "He'll go first."

DeMarinis understands privacy, the betrayals of the heart, the hoarsest whispers of mistrust and anxiety. His stories are studded with wisdom and offer excellent reading.



Reign of Snakes

by Robert Wrigley, M.F.A. '76.

New York: Penguin Putnam, 1999. 92 pp. \$14.95 paper.

In Robert Wrigley's new collection, *Reign of Snakes*, the poet tries to tame the untamable with poetry: its sections and line breaks, its parsed words and images. Here is the opening to "Hoarfrost":

This morning the swing set's a confection
Even its chains flocked thick
As crustless loaves, the painted steel frame
Diaphanous with light but gargantuan.

The poet refers to such fundamental things here as the diurnal cycle, birds and animals. But there's something ominous as well. The world is at odds with itself. The swing set is empty of its expected children, the bread absent its safe crust. People aren't here, but they have been here, and something else too, something too big to hold, something both "diaphanous" and "gargantuan."

Wrigley sends a chill up the reader, a haunting caveat that we are not as secure in our domination as we believe. With arresting images such as the "sad, swallowed pansies" and the "blood-



PHOTO BY HARRY ROUGH

freckled cheek of the evening snow," Wrigley depicts a natural world poised to engulf everything, and his poems feel like a desperate attempt to beat back the invasion.

In the nine-part title poem, the formal centerpiece of the book—with lines like "Slick back tuck of fang and spit/Pit black waggle tongue strummer"—Wrigley tells an enthralling story with Biblical formality and Miltonic force.

Human nature—never such an oxymoron as here—makes its stoutest appearance in "Nostalgia." The speaker describes his wife nursing as he mourns his own mother's denial of such sweetness. She offered him instead formula and the "bland protuberance/of mass-produced rubber." Then this startling elegy:

I miss it,

I miss it so: my youngest son used to rise
Red-faced, eyes rolled back in his head,
And murmur, "Other side," then fall again,
To what I know I never knew.

A Clever Base-Ballist: The Life and Times of John Montgomery Ward

by Bryan Di Salvatore, M.F.A. '76.

New York: Pantheon Books. 1999. 441 pp. \$27.50 hardcover.

Imagine you are about to take a long train trip. With the prospect of ten or twelve bloated hours ahead, you are already bored. Just as you have resigned yourself to a monotonous windowpane, a man bustles down beside you and starts to talk. He talks like no one has ever talked before.

That man is Bryan Di Salvatore, master deviator, list-maker and caster in the stream of consciousness, a writer who is part inveterate fabulist, part educating uncle. Like Walt Whitman's speaker, Di Salvatore might say, "I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer grass."

A Clever Base-Ballist is a biography of nineteenth-century baseball player and pioneer John Montgomery Ward, a man of distinction in his day, whose fame is now obscured by the leonine salaries, celebrities and strikes of contemporary baseball. Ward, who briefly united his teammates against management and changed the course of the game, is an elusive subject, as the writer reminds us. But with his enthusiastic and exhaustive detective work, Di Salvatore has illuminated a place and period that could have no finer interpreter.

This biography feels creatively conscious as well as researched, which is to say that Di

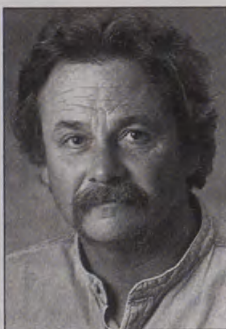
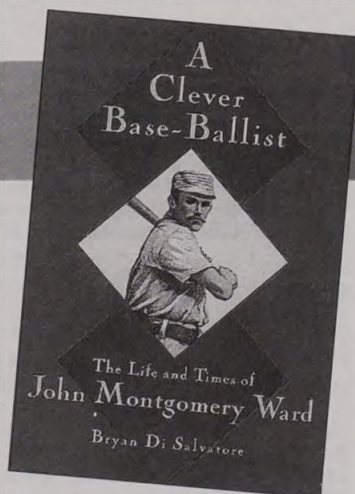


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Salvatore seizes the human possibility from the dry statistics and scorecards and brings 1880s America clambering to life. A list of Ward's expenses for his first term away at school becomes riveting because Di Salvatore has constructed a context for us. He riffs on everything from the deliriously inviting names of the ballplayers ("... Germany Long, Oyster Burns, The Only Nolan, Adonis Terry...") and the style of photographic portraits to the history of higher education and a condensed chronicle about the bicycle.

Beneath Di Salvatore's enjoyment of writing and his maniacal obsession with his diverse subjects, he has laid a tenacious foundation. The book gives us—in a style I will call willed speculation—a portrait of a society and valuable history. The writer, who immersed himself body and soul in archival records, libraries and microfiche, imagines himself in, say, small town Pennsylvania, 1890, with the conviction of a time traveler. With his tentacled attention, Di Salvatore covers everything from the weather to the soil, the trains to the ballparks. If baseball is quintessentially American then *A Clever Base-Ballist* is an ecstatic ode to a sprawling, mewling, bat-cracking, heart-bursting land.



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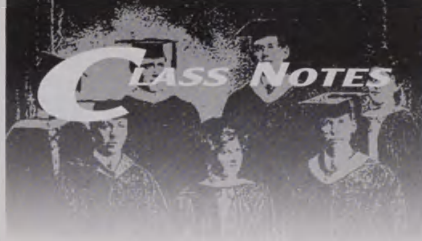
Roadside History of Montana

by Don Spritzer, Ph.D. '80

Missoula: Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1999. 440 pp. \$20.00 paper.

Take any road in Montana, Don Spritzer knows, and there's a history. Drive Interstate 90 over Lookout Pass and you'll follow in the footsteps of John Mullan, the gritty lieutenant who in 1859 hacked a 640-mile road from Fort Benton to Walla Walla, Washington. Cruise Interstate 15 to Great Falls and you'll be in the spot where the Lewis and Clark expedition spent a month making a tortuous passage around the Missouri River's Great Falls. Take Montana 200 east to visit Jordan, and you'll be in the place that cattle thieves and, more recently, the Freeman called home.

By taking the broad chunk of Montana and dividing it into six areas, Spritzer organizes the state's history by its geography, illustrating his tales with maps and 170 photographs. "The Northern Corridor," covers the history of the explorers, railroaders and homesteaders who traveled west on the Missouri River. The "Crown of the Continent" is George Grinnell's term for the breathtaking landscape of Glacier National Park. "The Mining Frontier" depicts south-central Montana, with its mother lodes of gold, silver and then copper. Cattle and cattle ranching dominate "The Central Valleys"—a region bounded by the Rockies to the west and the "Big Open" region of Garfield and McCone counties to the east. The "Yellowstone River Basin" section is a rich stew of stories about gold seekers, explorers, Crow Indians and tourists come west to view geysers, mudpots and hot springs.



Hu Neal Williamson '47

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'40s

Class of 1940: Watch for information in January on your 60th class reunion May 11-13, 2000.

RUSSELL H.D. EDWARDS '43 was invited to the 50th class reunion for students who had attended Duniway Grade School in Portland, Ore., during the late 1940s. Russ, a faculty member at Duniway, joined other returning faculty members to referee the reunion baseball game. "It's a good thing they [the students] made us ref," Russ said, "but they really shouldn't have been playing either!" Russ and his wife, Jean, live in Sunnyvale, Calif.

LEONA LAMPI HASSEN '46, M.A. '50, has written *At the Foot of the Beartooth Mountains: A History of the Finnish Community of Red Lodge, Montana*. Retired UM history Professor Harry Fritz wrote in his review, "The Finns have helped to define Red Lodge to the world for more than a hundred years. They are still there, and now, thanks to Lampi's book, they have

their history. It's a good one." Leona's first book was *Red Lodge Finns*, a collection of family histories. She also has written articles on the Red Lodge Festival of Nations and Finnish-English linguistics, and translated Finnish articles and oral history tapes. She currently resides in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

HU NEAL WILLIAMSON '47, Montana's oldest practicing certified public accountant, received the School of Business Administration's Outstanding Alumnus Award at its 52nd annual scholarship awards banquet in May. Hu is known as an "accountant's accountant" in Sidney for the expertise and advice he shares with area accountants. At the banquet, Hu advised the UM students present to "stay in close touch with the University—join the Alumni Association right away and be an active member."



'50s

Class of 1950: Watch for information in January on your 50th class reunion, May 11-13, 2000.

JOHN C. PINE '51 responded to the Winter 1999 *Montanan* article on Richard Hugo by forwarding his essay "Softball, Richard Hugo, and Me" previously published in *Fan: A Magazine of Baseball*. Hugo traveled from Seattle to Missoula, John in the opposite direction. Though both worked at Boeing at the same time and called Missoula home, they never met.

"Night Game," the poem within John's essay, pays tribute to both men's love of softball.

Night Game

Midway through the game
the lights go on —
the dusty playing field
becomes resplendent
as the "Over-the-Hill-Gang"
and "No Namers"
compete in the summer
recreational league.
When the game is over
and the lights go dark,
most of the players depart
in an orderly exodus

of cars snaking slowly
up the serpentine hill;
not so a hardy few
who gather amicably
in the refulgent beams
of their own car headlights,
their voices becoming
increasingly animated,
their laughter embracing
winners and losers alike
as they snap open beer cans,
not wanting to go home.

RALPH H. OLSON '56 sent a postscript to the Winter 1999 *Montanan* "In Memoriam" on Professor Emeritus Reuben Diettert. "Professor Diettert was my botany instructor," Ralph writes, "and his son, **ELDON E. DIETTERT '52**, was in my class. Eldon was a smoke-jumper for several summers when the base was located at South Higgins and South Avenue, and he was one of 13 smoke jumpers killed fighting the Mann Gulch Forest Fire in the Gates of the Mountains on August 5, 1949."

ROBERT S. "BOB" GILLULY '57 has self-published *One Man's Montana*, a collection of his best columns and



Members of the Class of 1939 shared lunch and memories at the home of UM President George Dennison in May.

Front row, left to right: Mary Kay Mee Voget, Clayton G. Olson, Edna Holding Evanko, N. Alberta Flatten McKinnon, Helen Brumwell Evans, Eleanor Weinberg Blayden, Eunice Fleming Sherman, Mildred Plummer Singleton. Second row: Dwight R. Lohn, Sig H. Jacobsen, James G. Besancon, Charles E. Hardy, Sylvester J. Seidensticker, Paul A. Krause. Third row: Carl E. Chambers, Paul J. Chumrau, Charles G. Miller, Clayton C. Craig, Ada Milne Clapp, Frank C. Clapp. Fourth row: Byron M. Lee, Richard P. Williams, Alfred R. Graesser, Byron F. Murphey, Bob Milodragovich, Ruth Wigfield Phillip, Donald W. Lynch.



Clifford Carl Jacobsen '64 Terri Barnett Johanson '66



Lyman H. Bennett III '72



Ronald R. Campbell '73



feature stories from his 24 years at the *Great Falls Tribune*. "It's light reading," Gilluly says of his book, "something you can put on your nightstand or toss into your camper." Bob and his wife, Mary Ann, have retired to Anaconda where Bob continues to write a weekly column for the *Tribune*. Before his time in Great Falls, Bob was editor of the *Ravalli Republic* and a sports information director at UM.

WILLIAM J. "BILL" WEATHERLY '57 retired after 13 years with the Anaconda Company and 18 years with the Bureau of Land Management. Bill received his bachelor's degree in mining from Montana Tech in 1981 and is a Certified Mineral Examiner. He and his wife, **LAURA RYAN WEATHERLY '66**, sing in the Butte Symphony Choral. They plan to remain in Butte.

'60s

CLIFFORD CARL JACOBSEN '64 retired as assistant professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. During his 30 years at UWSP, Cliff directed the small business institute and taught extension courses and Oxford Prison programs. He performed with the Shoestring Players, "taking roles as a giant, wolf or shish kebab, as the script demanded" and advised the student flying club, Wings. Cliff is now a financial planner and mutual fund counselor for World Marketing Alliance in Stevens Point.

GEORGE A. COLE '65 and **SUSAN BICKELL COLE '65** have moved from San Diego to Washington, D.C. George continues his business development contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development. Susan is an international business consultant. The Coles own and operate Media West, Inc., an international marketing company.

BOH DICKEY '66 received an honorary law degree from Seattle University in June. President and chief operating officer of SAFECO Corporation since August, 1966, Boh's business accomplishments and community involvement and his company's social

responsibility were commended. In 1998 he received Junior Achievement's national Gold Leadership Award for his volunteer work. Boh and his wife, **MARILYN BROWN DICKEY '67**, live in Woodenville, Wash.

TERRI BARNETT JOHANSON '66 directs the statewide distance learning program for Oregon's 17 community colleges. She received her doctorate from Oregon State University in 1996; her thesis was titled "The Virtual Community of an Online Class." Terri's office is at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

MARTIN V. MELOSI '69, M.A. '71, was named Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Houston. "This is an honor rarely given at the University of Houston," UH Provost Edward P. Sheridan wrote in a letter Martin shared, "and it acknowledges the exceptional performance you have shown as a scholar and teacher." Martin is married to **CAROLYN RONCHETTO MELOSI '71**.

'70s

STEPHEN WARREN DILL '71 is president of Steve Dill & Associates, an executive search firm specializing in the recruitment of sales and marketing individuals in the medical device industry. Steve and his wife, **MARY FRASHER DILL '79**, recently purchased a condo in Missoula and will summer in Montana. They live in Alpharetta, Ga.

LYMAN H. "BILL" BENNETT III, J.D. '72, was appointed Montana state representative of the Defense Research Institute, the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, Bill focuses on civil litigation, and business and real estate transactions. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Bozeman.

STEPHEN EDWARD MEDVEC '72, M.A. '77, will discuss "Self-Government Units Management in the USA" in Suwalki, Poland, in November. He'll cover urban economic development in Philadelphia and American urban policy in Polish. Steve was a Fulbright scholar to Poland during 1973-1975 while a student at UM. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Alexandra.

RONALD R. CAMPBELL '73 received the 1999 Montana State Pharmaceutical's Bowl of Hygieia Award for outstanding community service. A Montana State Pharmaceutical Association member for the past 25 years, Ron owns Drug Mart in Cut Bank. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children.

JOELENE O'NEILL GOODOVER, M.A. '75, a psychologist for Great Falls Public Schools, was elected to the National Association of School Psychologists. Joeline will represent Montana at annual assemblies and coordinate activities for regional, state and local school psychology associations and the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Joeline has been with GFPS since 1978.

AMY N. LESTER '77, M.S. '80, is director of field services for the Conservation Science Division of The Nature Conservancy in Arlington, Va. Amy, husband Mark Scardiglia, and sons Alexander and Camilo, live in Falls Church, Va.

WILLIAM G. SWEENEY '77, J.D. '80, is stationed at the Naval Legal Service Office in Jacksonville, Fla. Captain Sweeney joined the Navy in 1980.

DEBORAH LAOUNTE WETSIT '78, Ed.D. '92, was recently appointed to the Montana Board of Regents to complete the vacancy created when Colleen Conroy of Hardin retired. Deborah, a member of the Assiniboine Tribe, was a UM faculty member and is currently the program manager for Shared Visions Project: Circles of Care, a counseling service for Indian foster children in Billings, where she resides.

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Marcia Herrin, '79



Thomas Nicholson '87

MARCIA HERRIN, a '79 graduate in home economics, earned her doctorate at Columbia. She was hired as a nutrition professor at UM just as that department closed in the mid-1980s. Marcia went on to Dartmouth where she founded and now heads the Eating Disorders Education, Prevention and Treatment Program. In April, Marcia discussed eating disorders with Katie Couric on the *Today Show* and in an article in *People* magazine.

RUSSELL W. LAWRENCE '79 and his wife, **JEAN M. MATTHEWS** '80, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their Hamilton book store, Chapter One Books, and their 21st wedding anniversary in April. Russ and Jean bought the store 13 years ago, and say it's still fun. "The customers who come in are, by and large, well-read and intelligent people," Russ says, "the kind of people you want to spend your time with every day."



'80s

TERRY L. HETRICK, Ph.D. '80, is the new president of Dawson Community College in Glendive. He received his bachelor's degree from Carroll College and master's degree from MSU-Northern. Terry was vice president for instruction at Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colo., before returning to Montana.

TIMOTHY B. STARRY '80 received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his achievements as an aviation safety officer. Timothy joined the Marines in 1980 and serves as chief of naval aviation training at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas.

RANDAL J. F. MILLER '81 writes: "After ten years, I left my position with the city of Portland and joined Turner Construction Company as a business develop-

ment manager." He and his wife, Christine, and sons, Matthew and Joe, live in West Linn, Ore. "I encourage any past UM colleagues to contact me at randym@teleport.com."

MARLA ST. CLAIR SHOEMAKER '81 writes that her photograph, "Just Lion in the African Sun," appears on the International Library of Photography Web site. Marla and her family live in Manhattan, Kan.

SARA S. FOLAND, M.S. '82, CEO and president of Farallon Energy Group in Denver, was named executive director/chief executive officer of the Geological Society of America. A GSA member since 1983, Sara says, "GSA is all about science, stewardship and service. We see ourselves as stewards of earth-science knowledge and of the Earth itself." Sarah will complete her doctorate in tectonics at the University of California-Santa Cruz next year.

JOHN ANTHONY BLAVATSKY '85, J.D. '93, and Renee Jacqueline Scatena were married this spring. They both practice law in Phoenix.

JOYCE H. BRUSIN, M.F.A. '85, coordinates on-campus events for the UM Alumni Association. She also works as a freelance writer and editor. Her first published essay, "Memorization: A Childhood on the San Francisco MUNI," which appeared in *Manoa: A Pacific Journal of International Writing*, was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

JODY NOFFSINGER HELLEGAARD '85 is the new director of fiscal services at MSU-Northern. Judy and **KEVIN HELLEGAARD** '85, who owns and operates the Dairy Queen in Havre, have two children, Karla and Zachary.

STEVEN MAJSTOROVIC '85, M.A. '87, is a political science professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARTHA SHEEHY '85, J.D. '88, received the American

Bar Association's annual John Minor Public Service and Professionalism award for her pro bono contributions. Martha, a partner at Anderson & Liechty in Billings, has worked to expand low-income residents' access to the justice system since 1995. She helped raise the number of active pro bono lawyers in Montana from 93 to 600 since 1995. At the awards ceremony in April, Martha was cited as one who "demonstrates that public service is—although a road less traveled—populated by truly extraordinary travelers." Martha is married to **SIDNEY R. THOMAS**, J.D. '78.

THOMAS CHARLES NICHOLSON '87, associate vice president and assistant cashier at D.A. Davidson & Co. in Great Falls, recently served as chairman of the United Way of Cascade County. Tom and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Zach and Alex, and a new daughter, McKenzie Shea, born May 3.

JOHN MICHAEL COURTNEY '87 was promoted to major in the Army while serving a one-year, unaccompanied tour in Seoul, South Korea. In August he transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, to join his wife, Patricia, and their three children.

KARYN LOVE DONA '87 married Stefano Dona on March 20 in Milan, Italy.

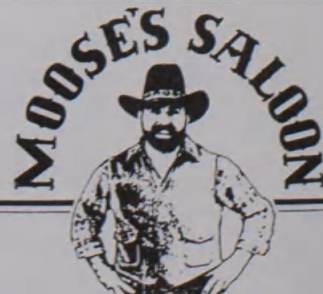
NATALIE MUNDEN RINGLAND '87 and her husband, John, moved to Alaska's Kenai Peninsula last summer after seven years in the Arctic, where they worked for the local government and the school district. They work full-time for their own company, Touch Alaska, offering technology consulting and interactive media design. "We live in paradise," Natalie writes. "The Kenai Peninsula is home to the world famous Kenai River king salmon. The world record is 97 pounds. And that's no fish story!"

CARL L. WACKERMAN '88 has begun his third year as choral and band director at International Community School in Bangkok, Thailand. ICS serves the Thai and expatriate community in Bangkok.



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FRANK D'ANGELO '90 recently was named vice president, financial consultant and assistant branch man-



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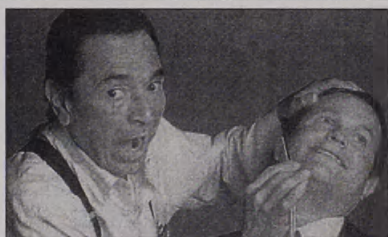
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Pablo Elvira and Morry Clark Matson '93

ager of D. A. Davidson's Missoula office.

STEVEN N. DORFMAN, M.A. '90, assistant professor of aerospace studies at Kansas State University, was one of eight faculty members to receive a \$500 William L. Stamey Award for teaching excellence and advising. A faculty member since 1996, Maj. Dorfman also commands the Air Force ROTC cadets at KSU.

STEFANI GRAY HICSWA '91 is interim director for Flathead Valley Community College's Lincoln County Campus in Libby. During her eight years at FVCC, Stefani was a continuing education instructor and an adviser for Upward Bound. She also has done consulting for the U.S. Department of Education. Stefani is married to **SCOTT THOMAS HICSWA** '90, a forester in the Flathead Valley.

DENNIS W. GAUB, M.B.A. '92, operates The Internet Mentor, providing Internet training and technical assistance in customers' homes or offices. A Billings resident, Dennis also is an independent representative for Big Planet, an Internet-based technology company.

CHRISTINE MARIE HIGLE '92, M.B.A. '95, and Jeffrey Berke were married April 3 in Las Vegas. They reside in Castle Rock, Colo., and work at Centrobe.

MEEGAN ANNE KRILEY '92 has joined the Missoula office of D.A. Davidson & Co. as a financial consul-

tant. Meegan formerly worked in the company's Great Falls office.

MORRY CLARK MATSON '93, who produced his first opera in 1994, is the founder and executive director of the Rimrock Opera Company of Billings. ROC debuts this November in the Alberta Bair Theater with *Barber of Seville*, featuring baritone Pablo Elvira as Figaro and UM music faculty member Anne Basinski as Rosina. "I look back on my college years at UM with great fondness," Morry writes. "I received a world-class education there and want my alma mater to get a hunk of the glory from our high profile debut production."

BENJAMIN PHILLIP DOAN '94, M.A. '97, and Yvette Marie Schaach were married April 24 in Cascade. Benjamin is employed by San Diego County.

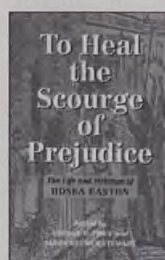
STEPHANIE J. FROSTAD, M.F.A. '94, held a June exhibit of her paintings, "Love Stories," at the Davidson Galleries in Seattle.

SIMON CRAWFORD '95 and Jennifer Lasar were married February 14 at Marshall Mountain Ski Lodge in Missoula. Simon is a paramedic with the Missoula Emergency Service. Jennifer is working toward a degree as a medical technician at UM.

TIMOTHY WILLIAM KUNEY '95 and **TINA G. CHIAMPAS** '96 were married May 15 at the Crazy Mountain Ranch

near Clyde Park. They live in Dillon where Tim is director of information systems for Great Harvest Franchising and Tina works for a local dentist. Tim's photo recently appeared in a nationwide print ad campaign for Microsoft and Great Harvest Bread.

PAT L. MURPHY '95, '98. After 27 years of working at the University, Pat now is a 4-H extension agent with the Missoula County Extension Service.



GEORGE RICHARD PRICE, M.A. '96, co-edited *To Heal the Scourge of Prejudice: The Life and Writing of Hosea Easton*, University of Massachusetts Press. George teaches Native American studies at UM and Salish Kootenai College.

DAVID CLARK DICKENSON '96 and **TAMMY JEANETTE ST. CYR**, M.S. '96, were married May 15 in Great Falls. They live in Calgary, Alberta, where Tammy is a pharmacist and Dave is quarterback for the Calgary Stampeders.

REGAN WILLIAMS '97 and his wife, Nami, announce the birth of their first child, Austin Musashi Williams, born June 16 on Oki Island, Japan. Regan taught two

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Shamus'97 and Julie Kirschbaum

years with the Japan Exchange and Teaching program (JET), an experience he highly recommends. In August the family moved to Dallas, Texas, where Regan attends law school at Southern Methodist University.

SHAMUS MICHAEL KIRSCHBAUM '97 and his wife, **JULIE GLASE KIRSCHBAUM**, a former UM nursing student, live in Kirchheim, Germany. An English major, ROTC commissioned officer and second lieutenant, Kirschbaum serves as executive officer of a personnel services battalion in Heidelberg. "When we get the chance to travel we usually take day trips to the quaint area towns just to see what they have to offer," Shamus writes. "Each town has its own personality—[Richard] Hugo might have called them 'triggering towns.'" When he received the Heidelberg Symposium and alumni gathering invitation, Shamus vowed to attend. "Great to see familiar faces and for a moment feel like I was back in Montana again," he wrote.

BLAIR ANTHONY BOHN '98 and Michelle Gullo were married March 28 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Blair works for Kal-Mont Distributors of Kalispell. The couple resides in Eureka.

AMY LANE MANNIX '98 and Ryan Mannix were married March 27 in Las Vegas. Amy is a closing agent and marketing representative for First Montana Title

Company in Missoula.

JOSH J. STICKA '98 began studying pediatrics and rural medicine this fall at the University of Washington Medical School.

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We extend sympathy to the families of the following alumni, friends and faculty:

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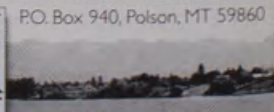
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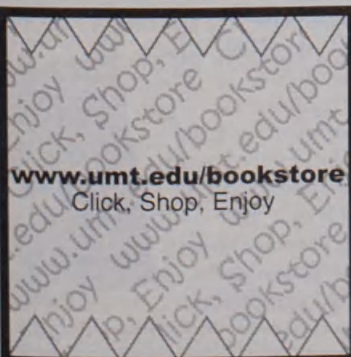


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UM IN DEUTSCHLAND

The Alumni Association hosted its first-ever European gathering at the German-American Institute in Heidelberg on June 12. Over 50 alumni, faculty, students and friends from Germany, Austria, France and Montana attended. "The two-person staff at the institute pur-

chased all the refreshments, prepared them, presented them in breathtaking displays, served and then cleaned up with the help of only a home-sized dishwasher," said Phyllis Bouchee, UMAA events coordinator. A Heidelberg band performed, led by Andreas Klotz, an exchange student to UM in 1997-1998. John Shreve '76, a former Fulbright scholar who lives in Berlin, joined in with a borrowed guitar.

Planning an international event presented special challenges for the alumni office. Finding foreign alumni, faculty and students was complicated by different time zones, postal rates and languages. Faxes and e-mail often saved the day. Phyllis did all she could stateside, but she had to depend on her German connections. At the party, amidst local wines, cheeses, sausages, beers and chocolate desserts, there were stories and



Andreas Klotz, exchange student to UM in '97-'98, and John Shreve '76 discuss the finer points of guitar playing.

songs, greetings from President Dennison and hugs and promises to meet again. Far away in Heidelberg was an alumni event just like those back home.



Andreas Eble, exchange student to UM in '94-'95, and Petra Roler enjoy the festivities.

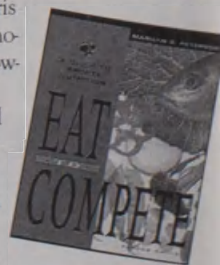
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The Peterson family knows what's good for you. Marilyn Shope Peterson '57, consulting nutritionist for the Grizzly Athletic Rehabilitation Center, dishes out healthy fare at the Emily A. bed and breakfast that she and her husband, Keith '56, own and operate in Seeley Lake. Author of two books on nutritional eating, Marilyn prepares all food served to guests who spend the night or celebrate special occasions. Keith pioneered sports medicine in Seattle where the Petersons founded the Sports Medicine Clinic, the oldest and largest privately owned sports medicine facility in the United States. Former team doctor to the Seattle Mariners for 16

years, Keith was joined in his current consulting position with the Mariners by son Chris, a 1988 UM graduate. Chris recently finished his orthopedic residency and fellowship in sports medicine and often can be spotted in the Mariners' dugout with his dad. "Like father, like son," Marilyn writes. She credits the late UM physical education and physical therapy Professor Vincent Wilson '43 for being "an inspiring mentor to them both."



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Allison Jean Pinnock to **GINA BOYSUN** '92 and Geoff Pinnock, Nov. 15, 1998, Spokane, Wash.

Lauren Eileen D'Angelo to **FRANK D'ANGELO** '90 and Ray Lynn McCarty-D'Angelo, March 6, 1999, Missoula.

Marcene Piper to **GLENDIA SKILLEN-ROBISON** '92 and Wayne Robison, April 5, 1999, Hysham.

Samuel Craig Shepherd to **CRAIG A. SHEPHERD** '84 and Wendy Shepherd, May 2, 1999, Glendive.

Lucia Rose Solomon to **KELLY ANNE WARD** '86 and **GENE MICHAEL SOLOMAN** '87 May 24, 1999, Missoula.

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AND THE BEAT GOES ON

In February the Alumni Association mailed 250 complimentary copies of *Grizzly Gold* to a random group of UMAA lifetime dues-paying members. Originally published to commemorate the University's 1993 Centennial, a copy of *Grizzly Gold* reached lifetime Missoula members Ann and Robert Line Jr. '47. Ann sent the following letter.

March 18, 1999

Dear Alumni Association,

This is a follow up to our phone call regarding the *Grizzly Gold* publication and pictures of Robert C. Line Sr. and our son, Christopher M. Line, grandson of Robert C. Line Sr.

On page 52 is an old picture of the Mandolin Club dated 1909 on the bottom of the page and a picture of the UM Jazz band, not dated, at the top of the page.

My husband, Robert C. Line Jr. was looking at the Mandolin Club photo and saw his father pictured in the second row on the left, the only one wearing glasses. After enjoying seeing that picture he looked up and saw the picture of our son, Christopher M. Line playing the electric guitar. We were quite struck at the rare chance of their two pictures



ending up on the same page with the title of the two pictures being "Music through the ages, from the Mandolin Club in 1909 to electric guitar."

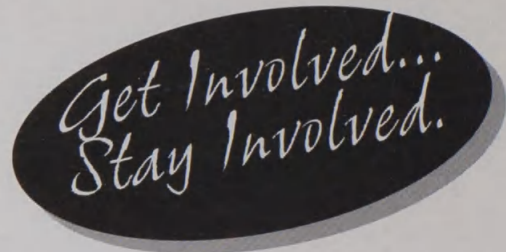
The mandolin Bob's father played is still with our family. Robert C. Line Sr. graduated from The University of Montana in 1910. He later became dean of the School of Business from about 1927 to 1953. Robert C. Line Jr. graduated from UM in 1947, and Christopher M. Line graduated from UM in 1990. Chris and Robert Line Jr. played in the marching band and Chris played in the jazz band when he was in school. Chris still has that electric guitar too!



Sincerely,

Ann and Robert Line Jr

The Line family, all Missoula residents, and its University connections reach beyond the photographs and letter. Christopher, pictured in the top photo, and his brother Timothy '91, J.D.'94, are both married to UM alumnae. Christopher to Michelle Horgus '93 and Timothy to Julie Hoffman '91. Each couple has a son, and cousins Hunter, son of Christopher and Michelle, and Griffin, son of Timothy and Julie, could well be members of UM's class of 2020.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

The University of Montana Alumni Association welcomes new officers and new board members(*) to its 1999 board.

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A LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Rick Schneider graduated from UM's School of Business Administration in 1978. He sat for the CPA examination in Missoula and went on to work for KPMG Peat Marwick in Minneapolis. Rick worked there for six years before returning to school to receive his MBA and then moved on to Land O'Lakes Inc., where he worked 13 years in the marketing area, including responsibility for Land O' Lakes Butter. He currently is the president of a start-up food company, Crockery Foods LLC. He was a delegate to the Alumni Association's House of Delegates before becoming a board member of the Alumni Association.



Rick Schneider '78

I am truly honored to serve as president of The University of Montana Alumni Association during its 98th year. UMAA is the catalyst for the interaction between the University and its alumni. This process requires a dynamic organization, changing constantly to meet the changing needs of its constituencies. It is rewarding to be a part of this process.

UMAA's overall objective is reflected in a phrase we use in many of our alumni communications: "Get Involved . . . Stay Involved." Whatever way you, our alumni, get involved, you are doing two things. First, you are rewarding yourself. You are staying connected to UM, and continue to experience the tangible and intangible benefits of that association. Secondly, you strengthen the University. Every time you show up for a meeting or event, every time you express your opinion, every time you contribute in whatever way, you are building a better future for the University. Your involvement is critical to its success.

UMAA's success results from the efforts of many people in many different organizations and capacities. Most directly, this includes the association's board of directors, the House of Delegates, and UMAA's outstanding staff. It also comes from individual school alumni groups, GAA, the UM Foundation and individual alumni. I thank all these individuals and organizations for their time, effort and resources in making UMAA a strong and responsive organization.

I look forward to the coming year and its challenges. I encourage you to contact any of our board members or myself about ideas or concerns you have regarding UMAA. I don't say this as an afterthought; it is central to carrying out our responsibilities. If we don't know what you are thinking, we have a hard time addressing your needs. So, let us know! An easy way to do this is through our Web site: <http://www.umt.edu/alumni>, where all our e-mail addresses are located. I look forward to hearing from you!

And remember: Get Involved . . . Stay Involved.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Six new Alumni Board of Directors members were elected in May to three-year terms beginning this October: Chuck Bultmann '66, House of Delegates member, vice president of phone mart operations for GTE Network Services in Irving, Texas; Kelly Elder '92, former assistant director of the Alumni Association, now a teacher at Fergus High School in Lewistown; Stefani Gray Hicswa '91, House of Delegates member, education administrator for the

Lincoln County Campus of Flathead Valley Community College in Libby; Mike Higgs '76 House of Delegates member, project manager/consultant for Compuware Corp. of Bloomington, Minn.; Jim Kolokotronis '86, House of Delegates member, manager of an Internal Revenue Service office in Oakland, Calif.; and Tracy Lee Reich '86, executive director of the Downtown Vancouver Association of Vancouver, Wash.

Keep in Touch:

UM alumni who wish to keep in touch with classmates via e-mail may leave a calling card at The University of Montana Alumni Association's Web site: <http://www.umt.edu/alumni>. Scroll down to the "Keep in Touch" option and click on "Alumni e-mail directory." Those who already have submitted an address are listed alphabetically and by class year. Alumni may add an address by following the posted directions.

CROSSING A CONTINENT—ALUMNI STYLE

This past May, 16 UM alumni and friends crossed Europe entirely on water. For two weeks aboard the M.V. Prussian Princess, Kay and Jim Clinkingbeard '52, Marj Dana '37, Mary '52 and Jeff Doggett '52, Marj Donovan '48, Bev '53 and Dick Doyle '54, Diane '48 and Dave Ellison '49, Marion Kellum, Anita and Bill Kearns '61, Kay Lorenz '48, and Pete and Sheila Sullivan '57 cruised the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers from Budapest to Amsterdam. Travelers enjoyed gourmet meals aboard ship, excursions at port cities and special parties throughout the journey. "We visited so many churches, cathedrals and castles," Bev commented, "the only negative comment I heard was that there was never any time for shopping!"

Veteran traveler Marj Dana will always remember a symphony concert she attended in Vienna. Marj also was thrilled with the lectures covering the itinerary and a travel guide all received prior to departure. An added bonus was the talk given by the chief engineer

for the Main-Danube Canal that links—for the first time in history—the waterways from the Black Sea to the North Sea. Excellent food, beautiful accommodations, wonderful traveling companions, educational lectures, an incredible continental passage—it couldn't

have been better, the travelers agreed.

The Alumni Office sponsors many international travel programs each year. If you would like to receive more information, please call (800) 862-5862.



Travelers include front row: Sheila Sullivan, Diane Ellison, Anita Kearns. Standing: Jim Clinkingbeard, Pete Sullivan, Dick Doyle, Dave Ellison, Kay Lorenz, Bev Doyle, Kay Clinkingbeard, Marj Dana, Marj Donovan, Mary Doggett, Marion Kellum, Jeff Doggett and Bill Kearns.

ALUMNI EVENTS

October

- 2 Tailgate, Portland (Portland State University)
- 7-8 House of Delegates annual meeting
- 8-9 Homecoming: 1959 Class Reunion
- 9 Homecoming Parade, Football Game
(Cal State Northridge)
- 11-12 UMAA Board of Directors meeting
- 16 Tailgate, Flagstaff (Northern Arizona University)
- 30 Tailgate, Pocatello (Idaho State University)

November

- 6 Tailgate, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly)
- 15-23 Alumni Campus Abroad-Spain
- 20 Griz-Cat Football Game (Bozeman), Pre-Game
Gathering, Holiday Inn; Nationwide TV
Satellite Parties

January, 2000

- 11-18 Alumni International Travel-Vienna
- 14-22 Caribbean Cruise

February

- 2-17 Alumni International Travel - Cape Horn Cruise
- 17 UM Charter Day

March

- 10 Alumni Gathering, Phoenix
- TBA Alumni Gathering, Palm Desert

April

- 10-22 Alumni International Travel - Amsterdam/Lucerne

May

- 11-13 50th & 60th Class Reunions
- 13 Commencement
- 23-6/3 Alumni International Travel - London/Paris

June

- 7-15 Alumni Campus Abroad - Cortona/Tuscany

July

- 17-25 Alumni Campus Abroad - Sorrento
- 17-25 Alumni Campus Abroad - Norway



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MONTANA ENDOWMENT TAX CREDIT

WHAT IS IT?

The credit is a Montana tax incentive created to encourage endowed philanthropy to permanently endowed funds held by Montana charitable organizations, such as the UM Foundation.

WHAT KIND OF GIFTS QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT?

From individuals, these gifts qualify: planned gifts such as charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, gifts to a pooled income fund, paid-up life insurance policies or gifts of a remainder interest in a home or farm.

HOW MUCH OF MY GIFT WILL QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT?

The tax incentive is 50 percent of the charitable part of your gift. For example, a qualified contribution of \$20,000 can offer a credit of up to \$10,000.

CAN AN OUTRIGHT GIFT QUALIFY?

Montana corporations, partnerships and estates can utilize the credit by making an outright gift to an endowed fund. A corporation or estate claims the credit itself. For small business corporations or partnerships, the contribution and corresponding credit flows through to shareholders or partners in proportion to their individual ownership interests.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT I MAY CLAIM?

Each taxpayer can claim up to \$10,000 per year against Montana income taxes owed. Credit cannot exceed your tax liability, however.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CREDIT?

The law is scheduled to terminate on Dec. 31, 2001. Until that time you may make a separate gift every year. Credit must be used in the year of the gift and no carryback or carry forward of the credit is allowed.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE MONTANA ENDOWMENT TAX CREDIT?

Sharen Peters or Karen Sitte can provide examples or help you think creatively about ways to support UM. Write the planned giving office at the UM Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807. Call us at (406) 243-2593 or (800) 443-2593, or visit our website at www.umt.edu/umf



John '43 and Katy Shallenberger '49 Delano of Helena are saving on their Montana income taxes through a charitable annuity and a contribution to the UM Foundation's pooled income fund. Annuity proceeds will be split between the business school and the Shallenberger Scholarship in Physics, a memorial to Katy's father, G.D. Shallenberger, who was a physics professor from 1923 to 1960.



Sandy and Tom Hines, through family business, Hines Motor Co. of Billings, used the tax credit to create the Thomas S. and Sandra J. Hines Opportunity Fund in the School of Business Administration. Tom '63 says, "The credit is a wonderful program for Montana. We need the Legislature to keep it going."

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the Missoula Business Drive for the Excellence Fund is spearheading this fall's effort to get their peers in the business community to say "Count Me In!" when asked for a gift. Members pictured in the front row are Charlie Elseman, Tim Hubbard, Tim Mellgren, Max Murphy, Bob Homer, Dan Pletscher (campus representative), Fred Lee (UM Foundation president and CEO), Kathy Schaub (annual fund director), Bob Burke (Business Drive chair); back row Holly Thompson (campus representative), Phil Barney (vice chair), Karen Kempel Jones, George Boifeullet, Ernie Corrick, Monte Turner, Carol Williams, Pat Dodson. Not pictured are committee members Gary Chumrau, Jan Cogdill, Clancy Cone, Barry Kenfield, Brian Salonen, Bob Seim, Paul Sepp and Kevin Winter.



EARLY GIFTS PREVENT Y2K PROBLEMS

There's a lot of speculation about how the world's computers will react on Jan. 1, 2000. To eliminate potential problems, many businesses and individuals are working now to try to be sure essential services continue to run smoothly.

Year-end giving is one issue to consider. Some financial advisers suggest making a year-end gift earlier to avoid problems that may result from computer transactions made at that time.

If you are planning a gift that involves the transfer of stocks or mutual funds, the UM Foundation recommends you consider making the gift in November or earlier, rather than waiting until December. Most stock transfers are done by computers, so handling the gift earlier could make a difference. And, you may be able to take advantage of the higher stock market values.

Remembrance of BRUCE COOK

We, the friends and acquaintances of Bruce Cook and The University of Montana, suffered a great loss when Bruce died recently.

Bruce was a leader, who, in whatever he did, showed that with a clear vision, commitment and hard work one could make a difference and improve the world around us.

Bruce was an inspiration to all of us who are associated with The University of Montana Foundation. He brought his vast experience and calm demeanor to the table and provided sound direction to ensure good fiscal management and growth of endowments to benefit University of Montana students and faculty. His service as treasurer and then as vice chairman allowed each of us to benefit from his clear thinking, his devotion to the University and his belief in the difference each of us can make. He believed in focusing on what we do best, but he understood very well the value of listening to others with different ideas that could open up new opportunities to grow.

He saw the University as much more than just a place to learn, and he brought people together to find ways to make The University of Montana the foundation for building a common base of understanding for others. Where others saw obstacles, Bruce saw possibilities and challenged all to invest in themselves, to overcome and to make things happen.

The Foundation and the University are better places thanks to Bruce's leadership. His many gifts, personal and fiscal, over the years continue to bring honor to his memory, and for that we are grateful.

We will miss his leadership, his willingness to help, his ability to make things happen, his easy smile and gentle humor and above all, his friendship.

Art Brown
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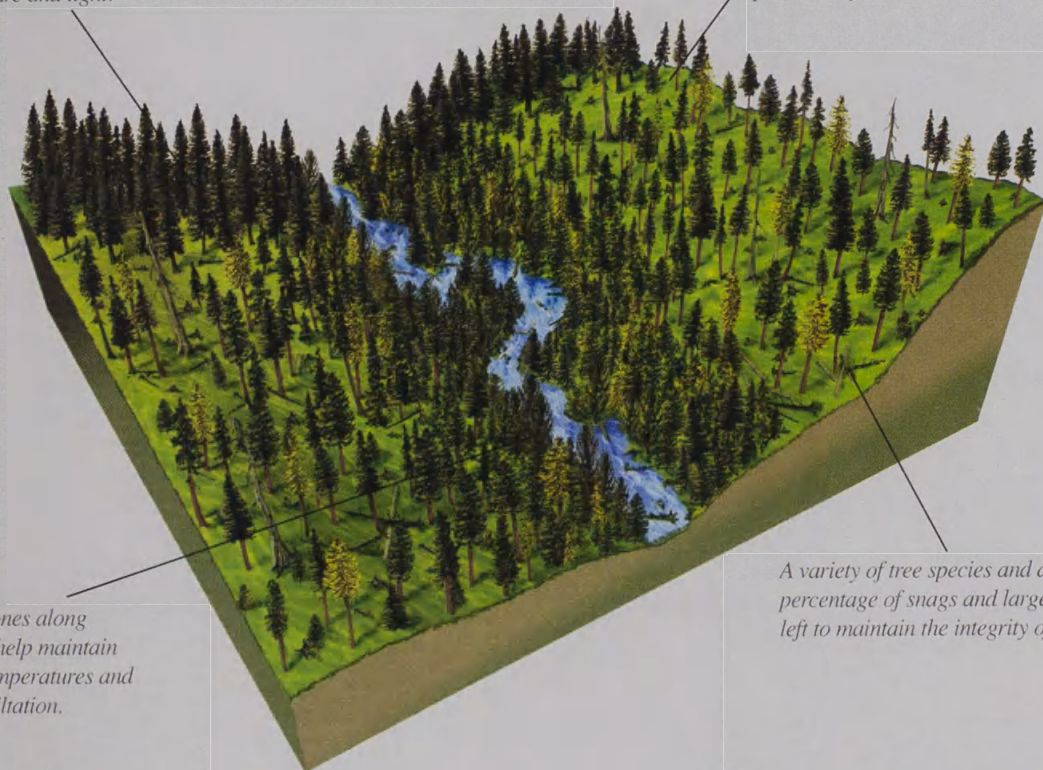
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